



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2017

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope you all had a nice Easter break and spent the time relaxing with family and friends. I went to Canada on the holidays as part of a study tour with a group of 25 educators from all across Queensland. We wanted to look into why the British Columbian schools were performing so well on a worldwide scale and how and if we could do something similar here in Queensland. This tour was organised by the state school principal's association, QASSP which I have been a member of for 10 years. It was the greatest experience and I am keen to implement some of the new learnings here at Alpha. Initially, I will work with Mrs Lund and Miss Kendall in the P-2 classroom on some inquiry learning tasks and eventually, hope to implement a range of new initiatives across the school.

NAPLAN in 2017

I sent out an email regarding this earlier in the week. As you may have heard, The Education Minister has announced that Queensland schools won't be completing NAPLAN online this year. As you know, we trialled the online platform last year and were set to complete the tests online this year. This now will not be happening and our students will complete the pencil and paper tests as per previous years. Please come and see me should you need further information regarding this.

Miss Clarke Taking Leave

As of May 11, Miss Clarke will be taking leave to coach and play professional cricket in Ireland. While this is a great experience for her and we are so thrilled, this leaves a gap in our staffing. I have spoken to HR on Monday and Wednesday regarding this and as yet, we don't have a replacement. In the meantime, we will reshuffle the timetable around so that the HPE, Health, Agricultural Science and Manual Arts lessons are covered. We will also offer some of the Brain boost activities in the morning. Further details about this will go out in time. We wish Miss Clarke all the best and look forward to her return in late Term 3.

Congratulations Zack

Congratulations to Zack who has been selected in the NW Rugby League Team who will compete at the state championships later in the year. Zack travelled to Normanton for these trials and we are so proud of him being selected in this team. Well done Zack!

Jellybeans Info

Jellybeans is hosting North and West Remote Health to present a session to parents, families and our community about how to pack a healthy lunchbox.

Tuesday 9th May at Jellybeans 3:30-4:30pm

Children are welcome to play outside whilst session is on - parent supervision

Session includes:

- ✦ What makes up a healthy lunchbox?
- ✦ Hands-on demonstrations, taste testing
- ✦ Easy, affordable, nutritious ideas

- ✦ Recipes and other resources to take home
- ✦ Meet and Greet with the Health Promotion Officer and Dietitian

P and C Meeting

The next P and C meeting will be held in the staffroom on May 10 at 3:30 pm. All welcome.

LCC meeting

The next LCC meeting will be held on May 8 in the staffroom. This meeting will start at 5 pm. All welcome.

Date Claimers

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	1 May Day Holiday	2 Teacher Transfers open	3 Cross Coun- try	4 Vanessa at PBM – Lon- greach Early Child- hood Re- gional Stakeholder forum – Barcaldine 3:30 – 5 pm	5 Bernie away Dodgeball – Chappy to organise	6	7
4	8 Staff Meet- ing 3:15 pm LCC meeting 5 pm Digital Tech- nologies PD - Michelle	9 NAPLAN SCRATCH coding PD – Chanelle Digital Tech- nologies PD - Michelle	10 NAPLAN OneSchool PD - Tarim	11 NAPLAN Mother's Day MT 10 – 11 am OneSchool PD - Tarim	12 Dodgeball	13	14
5	15 Staff Meet- ing 3:15 pm SCRATCH coding PD – Jessica and Michelle	16 P and C meeting 3:30 pm	17 P10/ P 12 Association teleconfer- ence – Vanessa 10 am	18	19 Dodgeball Jessica and Tarim at PD in Rocky NVCi re- frresher training in Barcy 12 – 4 for Chap- py, Michelle and Shelby QASSP State Council meeting - Vanessa	20	21

Date Claimers continued...

6	22 Staff Meeting 3:15 pm John Collins PD – Tarim, Katie, Penny QELLI PD – Chanelle Under 8's Day Cattle Judging BBQ Show set up?	23 John Collins PD – Jenni, Penny QELLI PD – Chanelle Beginning Teacher PD – Tarim Alpha Junior Judging	24 Alpha Show Holiday	25 Beginning Teacher PD - Jessica	26 Capella Junior Judging	27	28
7	29 Planning Days	30 Planning Days	31 Clermont Junior Judging	1	2 Julie away Dodgeball	3 Springsure Junior Judging	4
8	5 Secondary Athletics Carnival events	6 Whole School Athletics Carnival	7 Emerald Junior Judging	8 Bernie away	9 Bernie away Dodgeball	10	11
9	12	13	14	15 Musica Viva – 2 pm	16 Dodgeball	17	18

Have a great fortnight.

Vanessa Koina

Prep/1/2 Kaperz



Welcome back to school, I hope you all had time to enjoy some of the school break. I would like to thank all the parents who brought the children to the ANZAC Day march. It was great to see so many of Alpha State School's students marching.

During our reading session, first up in the morning, we are now rotating through a variety of gross motor skills. This activity develops whole body skills, such as balance and co-ordination, strength and endurance, as well as sensory processing.



The year one and two students have been developing their problem solving skills to work out the most efficient way to count how many paper clips are in a container. They begin counting in ones then realise they are unable to 'prove' there are the amount they say unless they recount them. The solution: to bundle the paperclips in groups – groups of tens works best!

Enjoy your week!
Mrs Lund

Year 3/4 Jottings

This week year 3/4 took a short excursion to the Alpha Tourist Information Centre to learn more about the famous explorer Major Mitchell. Our tour guide Nola showed us a range of different items that provided us with information about Major Mitchell's travels. We also had a look around the large shed filled of all old antiques and treasures. We saw an old telephone, toaster and scale. We also had the opportunity to see the old train station building where the students had fun playing with the old equipment and looking at the series of photos that show the history of the Alpha railway. We were joined by Miss Beck and Chappy for the excursion and we all thoroughly enjoyed learning about Alpha's rich past. The information students found will be included into the classes show exhibition which focuses on Major Mitchell's travels and contributions to the town of Alpha.

Thanks heaps!
Miss Hutson



YEAR 9/10 BROADCAST

Firstly I would like to welcome our new yr 10 student Tom. He has come all the way from Warwick and we hope he finds his time at our school enjoyable as well as educational. Our student total in the high school is now 12.

This week we have been completing Naplan practice tests. I will input the students' results on a program called CQ3S. This program allows me to tailor my teaching to any of the gaps students may have. We will be focussing on persuasive writing over the next few weeks, looking particularly at incorporating persuasive devices to our writing to convince the reader to agree with our opinion.

Students are in the midst of competing their Science assignment. They have some class time but need to be doing it at home.

High school homework club has started again this term, Wednesday afternoon 3-4.30pm

Mrs Rogers

Mr Hammer's Philosophy News

This week we began exploring the philosophical topic of love. It's a popular theme in all forms of human culture and self-expression, yet rarely in school do students get a chance to study and articulate their thoughts about it.

This week each class explored various aspects of the concept. The P-2's drew and shared what love looks like to them; the 3-4's brainstormed antonyms and synonyms; while the 5-10's looked at 'What it means' and 'Why do we feel it?'

I look forward to the insights that emerge from our discussion and examining how we can apply these insights in a constructive way to increase our wellbeing at home and school.

Yours in Philosophy,
Adam Hammer

Miss Kendall's Newsflash

Hi all,

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope you have all had a lovely Easter. I'm excited to be getting back into the swing of things here at Alpha State School.

In Year 7/8 we have almost completed our first History unit. We will be doing some revision over the next couple of weeks, and in Week 4 we will be completing our final assessment piece for the unit. This will be a supervised exam. The 7/8s will then be starting a new unit 'Expanding contacts – The Polynesian expansion across the Pacific (c. 700-1756)'. We will be investigating the key beliefs and values that emerged during this time period, and how these factors influenced societies.

For Science, we have started our 'Particles Matter' unit. On Friday, we became material assessors, and tested the durability of different types of fabrics. In coming weeks we will be conducting many experiments in regards to matter, and I am sure we are all excited to get right into the hands on aspect of Science.

Have a great weekend! ☺

Miss Tarim Kendall
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Chappy News

Hi all,

Garden Mulch for Sale

The Student Council is selling garden mulch for \$25.00 a ute load. This will be sold on a first in basis. The mulch is mainly gum tree woodchip and leaf matter. It is ideal as a garden mulch to breakdown goodness into the soil and retain moisture. Please call the office if you would like to purchase some for your gardens. (Smaller and larger quantities can also be purchased)

Chappy



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Later this year, I will begin sacramental preparation for any Catholic child who is 8 years or older. This will probably be early in the second semester (third term). The children will prepare for Reconciliation this year and for Confirmation and Eucharist next year. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. Although we can do lessons on the phone, I need to have a face-to-face introductory session with them.

Thank you.
Sister Mary
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Ladies
You're invited
to an
Alpha State School
**Mother's Day
Morning Tea**
on **Thursday, 11 May**
at **10:00 am.**
Come along and be entertained
by the students
and enjoy celebrating
your special day.
Entertainment: In the School (BER) Building
Raffles
Morning Tea afterwards
We hope to see you there!



Alpha/Jericho **Interhouse & Interschool**

2017 Cross Country

3 May 2017



DISTANCES

5/6 years – 500 m

7/8 years – 1 km

9/10 years – 2 km

11/12/13 years – 3 km

14/15 years – 4 km

PRIZES

**Best Dressed
Boy/Girl/Adult in
team colours**

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

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TERM 2 SPORTS CALENDAR 2017

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	1 May May Day	2 May	3 May Cross Country	4 May	5 May CW U/12 Touch Football Trials Longreach SHS Lunchtime Dodgeball Comp Rd 1	6 May	7 May
4	8 May	9 May	10 May Alpha Walk to School Day	11 May	12 May Lunchtime Dodgeball Comp Rd 2 Walking School Bus	13 May	14 May
5	15 May Walking School Bus	16 May	17 May Walking School Bus	18 May	19 May Walking School Bus	20 May U/12 NW Soccer Trials Mt Isa	21 May
6	22 May Walking School Bus	23 May	24 May ALPHA SHOW HOLIDAY	25 May	26 May Walking School Bus	27 May NW Cross Country	28 May
7	29 May Walking School Bus	30 May	31 May Walking School Bus	1 June	2 June Lunchtime Dodgeball Comp Rd 3 Walking School Bus	3 June U/12 NW Touch Trials Mt Isa	4 June
8	5 June Athletic Carnival Open Events Walking School Bus	6 June Athletics Carnival	7 June Walking School Bus	8 June	9 June Lunchtime Dodgeball Comp Semi-final Walking School Bus	10 June	11 June
9	12 June Walking School Bus	13 June	14 June Walking School Bus	15 June	16 June Lunchtime Dodgeball Comp Final Walking School Bus	17 June	18 June
10	19 June Walking School Bus	20 June	21 June Walking School Bus	22 June	23 June Walking School Bus	24 June Holidays	25 June Holidays

Alpha State School Values - Respect, Responsibility, Honesty