



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2023

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- ★ Thursday - 9am Assembly
- ★ Thursday Tuckshop - 1st Break
- ★ Friday-Breakfast Club

From the Principal's Desk...

Acknowledgement of Country

'We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.'

Welcome to the Week 9 Newsletter!

Over the past 8 weeks, students have been thriving in their classrooms and immersing themselves within their curriculum areas. I've thoroughly enjoyed walking into classrooms and watching their passionate teachers and support staff engage our students in their learning.

As your child's first educator, you have an enormous impact on your child's attitude towards learning and to school. It is very important for us to work together and deepen the connection between school and home. This can be done by talking positively about school at home; being supportive of your child's teachers; promoting the value of learning; and sharing your own experiences about school including the successes and mistakes you made.

NAPLAN

Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students, have just participated in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). A big thank you to Mrs Hammond for her hard work that went into organising and facilitating these tests. This allowed for a very successful experience for our students and we look forward to receiving these results to support our next steps as a school later in the year. I'd also like to thank Chappy Tony Dodge for providing breakfast to families, students and staff during this testing period. It was delicious!

Harmony Week

This week at school we will be recognising Harmony Week (20 to 26 March). Harmony week is a time where we celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. During this week, Harmony Day on 21 March coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. To recognise this important event, students at Alpha State School are encouraged to wear rainbow colours this Friday 24th March.

National Ride to School Day

On Friday 24th March, students of Alpha State School are encouraged to participate in National Ride to School Day. Senior Constable Dianne from the Alpha Police Station will be supporting this event, with a strong message on road safety. All participating students are encouraged to dress up their bikes. Prizes will be given for the best dressed bike.

Easter Bonnet Parade

On Friday 31st March, Alpha State School will be participating in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade down main street. This will be a community event, where we encourage all parents and citizens to view the wonderful bonnets created by our staff and students. Thank you to the businesses that provide chocolate eggs and delicious food for students during this event. This parade will commence from 10:00am on the corner of Scott Street & Shakespeare Street. From there, students will walk down Shakespeare street to Tilstons café and return to school via the fuel station and past the Post Office.



Yours in education,
Mr Tim Gorle

Curriculum Corner

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 20th April (Term 2 Week 1) in the School Hall. Notes were sent and emailed out last week. These interviews provide an opportunity for you to have meaningful discussions about your child's development. I encourage everyone to please attend, we will be having a sausage sizzle for families during the afternoon. More notes are available from the office or please contact me directly at chamm57@eq.edu.au

Maccas Mini Meet is **Wednesday 29th March** at the Alpha Swimming Pool. Excursion notes were sent home last week and more are available at the office.

The day will have a drowning prevention focus, along with swimming skills teaching session, races, and rotational activities including CPR and other drowning prevention activities.

Students will need to be dropped off at the Alpha Swimming Pool at 9am and picked up at 3pm.

Students are not to be dropped off before 8:50am as supervision will not be provided.

Parents are most welcome to attend!

Students need to wear their Alpha State School uniform, including hat.

Student will need to bring:

- swimming togs including a sun safe shirt
 - towel
 - swimming cap
 - goggles (recommended)
 - water bottle
- sunscreen

Congratulations to all of our wonderful Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 for completing **NAPLAN!**



Have a wonderful week!
Mrs Hammond

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

This week's focus is "We allow others to learn."



WE ALLOW OTHERS TO LEARN



► We have the responsibility to ensure that our actions do not disturb others while learning.

► We behave in a positive manner that allows others to learn.



Each week the students are explicitly taught expected behaviours and establish clear and consistent boundaries.

Students receive Gotcha's in designated play areas when they display our values: Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner. Students then place them in a box in the office.

At last week's assembly 3 students were drawn from the Gotcha box. Congratulations to Jack, Harry and Indie who were the lucky recipients of an ice-block. Keep up the great work everyone!

PBL certificates will also be presented on assembly for students who have reached their targets of 50 or 100 dojos/signatures.

Until next week,
The PBL team

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following award recipients from Week 8:

P-2 - Scarlett for incredible understanding and use of digraph /ay/ and /ai/ in her reading and writing. Way to go!

Charlie - for outstanding commitment to learning in all areas.



3/4 - Ralph - for applying feedback given to his work for the best possible learning outcome.

5/6 - Lachlan for working really hard on his fantasy chapter writing.



Highschool - Telisha for demonstrating a positive work ethic and a commitment to all school activities.



Student Council News

Awards

Teacher Award - Mr Chou for helping us train for Cross Country on Tuesday mornings.

Teacher Aide Award - Mrs Lynda for your help with Student Council.



Ride your bike to School day & Harmony Day



On Friday 24th March we invite you to decorate your bike, scooter or helmet to celebrate ride your bike to school day. Prizes will be awarded. Also on Friday, we will celebrate Harmony Day and we invite you to come dressed in rainbow colours, but wait there is more....

The student council will also be selling frozen yoghurts for \$2 at 1st Break on Friday 24th March.



Alpha Rodeo Clean Up

On Sunday 26th March, the Alpha Rodeo Association has asked for students and parents to join in with the cleaning up after the Rodeo on Saturday night. The Alpha Rodeo Association has kindly made a donation to the school for helping.

If you would like to help please meet at the Alpha Showgrounds at 8:30am.

All those who come to help, will receive a **free** zooper dooper.

Classroom Spotlight

Mr Chou's News

Dear parents,

It's hard to believe that we are near the end of the term! We have been very busy working on different things in our classroom so we are all looking forward to a well deserved break! Please continue reading down below to find out all the things that we have been working on in our classroom.

Our Cross Country is coming up quite soon on Thursday 23rd of March, Week 9. In preparation for this, we have been running our cross country training out on the oval every Tuesday morning. On top of doing laps, we have been incorporating High Intensity Interval Training. Students would sprint 25 metres followed by jogging back 25 metres before repeating the process again continuously to build endurance in long distance running. During our PE lessons in 3/4, we have been dancing, as well as training for cross country and playing a bit of soccer. In 5/6, students have been developing their skills in soccer, learning the rules and enjoying a game every lesson. Up in high school, students have also been working on their soccer skills and developing strategies to attack and defend effectively on the field. We have also been conducting Beep Tests to measure improvements in fitness level.

In Year 9 Maths, students have finished learning about linear equations and completed their assessment. We have also been learning about calculating the volume of 3D shapes and applying that understanding to investigate the water requirements of Alpha State School.

In Year 7 Maths, students have been calculating problems involving area and perimeter. We have been using that knowledge and understanding and putting it into application to learn about creating an imaginary vegetable garden that meets the requirements for Alpha State School.

In Year 9 Science, students have been learning about wave models involving both light and sound. We have developed the capability to explain the transfer of energy using different models, as well as designing an investigation method that included control and measurement of variables, collecting data and identifying relationships between variables.



If you have any questions or would love to have a chat, please feel free to contact me via email ascho114@eq.edu.au

Mr Chou

Getting Active with Prep/1/2

Wow! Can you believe term 1 is almost complete? Time really does fly when you're having fun! Weeks 8 & 9 has meant assessment for our Prep/1/2 students in HPE. Students are being provided multiple opportunities to demonstrate techniques to roll, throw, catch and pat bounce balls in different movement situations. Students will attempt movement challenges on multiple occasions and test alternatives, and adjust technique to solve movement challenges.

Some examples of the activities students have participated in include grip ball, arcade roller ball, bouncing ball obstacle courses and traditional ball games such as Captain Ball, Under Over and Tunnel Ball. The students have also been strengthening their skills in good sportsmanship by taking turns, sharing sports equipment and, encouraging and supporting their peers.

If you have any personal achievements from home to celebrate we would love to share them, feel free to email them to fepet0@eq.edu.au.



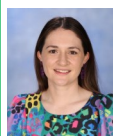
Have a great week,
Mrs Fiona Stanley

A Stitch in Time with Year 9/10 Materials

As we count down to the end of term 1, the Year 9/10 students are also counting down to our much anticipated excursion to Tambo Teddies on Thursday 30th March. The aims of this excursion is to provide students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skills in textiles and materials and enhance their understandings of design solutions; how a simple idea can be turned into a successful business. While in Tambo, students will also be provided the opportunity to visit Tambo State School and participate in Year 9/10 Design Technologies class focused on Food Specialisation where they will prepare and serve tuckshop.

A permission form was sent home Thursday 16th March and is due back *Monday 27th March*. I think this will be an enjoyable learning experience for all students.

If you would like to share your knowledge and skills in our sewing room, please reach out to discuss these opportunities by email fepet0@eq.edu.au.



Keep creating,
Mrs Fiona Stanley

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

At Alpha MPHS



SPEAK TO US ABOUT


- Health checks
- Feeding support
- Hearing and vision
- Immunisations
- Parenting programs
- Puberty information
- Bed Wetting and incontinence

APRIL 2023

4 April

Call 4652 5500
to book





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At Jericho Clinic



SPEAK TO US ABOUT


- Health checks
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Alpha State School's Easter Bonnet Parade

You are invited to attend our Easter
Bonnet Parade!

When: Friday 31st March

Where: Shakespeare
Street & Tennyson Street
Time: 10:00am start





TUCK SHOP MENU

- CHICKEN & CHEESE SANDWICH \$6 (FRESH OR TOASTED)
- HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH \$6 (FRESH OR TOASTED)
- HAM OR CHICKEN & SALAD SANDWICH \$8
- HOT CHIPS \$5.50 GRAVY \$1
- PIE \$4.50
- SAUSAGE ROLL \$4.50
- POTATO SCALLOP \$2.50
- FISH & CHIPS \$10.50
- CHEESE BURGER – MEAT PATTY, CHEESE, BBQ SAUCE \$8.50
- CHICKEN BURGER – CHICKEN TENDERS, CHEESE, LETTUCE & MAYO \$10
- CRISPY CHICKEN & BACON WRAP \$12
- CRUMBED STEAK WRAP \$12
- CHICKEN TENDER, LETTUCE & MAYO WRAP (SMALL) \$6.50
- HAM, CHEESE TOMATO WRAP (SMALL) \$6.50

DRINKS

- WATER \$3
- POPPER \$2.50

QParents



Fact sheet for parents

What is QParents?

QParents is a user-friendly portal accessible via app or web browser, providing parents with secure online access to information about their child's schooling.

How will QParents assist me?

QParents enables you to access and manage information about your child online.

What information is available in QParents?

You can access information about:

- attendance details
- timetables and upcoming events
- report cards and assessments
- invoices and payment history.

What are the benefits of using QParents?

You will benefit from:

- greater transparency with online access to your child's information
- ease of viewing and updating your child's details including address and medical conditions
- anytime, anywhere access on a smart phone, tablet or computer
- access to the latest information in one centralised place
- improved administration efficiencies and reduced printing and mail outs.

Which schools use QParents?

QParents is an optional resource available to any Queensland state school. Depending on the needs of their community, schools may choose to use QParents.

Contact your child's school to find out if they are registered to use QParents.

How do I register for QParents?

Your child's school will send you a letter or email inviting you to register for QParents. You will then be able to register via the secure QParents website: qparents.qld.edu.au using the unique invitation code contained in the letter or email.

You will require each child's unique EQ ID and you must verify your identity by providing 100 points of ID. If you cannot verify your identity online, you should contact your child's school for assistance.

The school will review your registration and approve your account. You will then be able to access the QParents app and delegate read-only access to another parent, carer or family member, known as a 'Delegated Viewer'.

For more information on registering and verifying your identity, see the QParents registration fact sheet.

What personal information is stored about me in QParents?

The following details are securely stored on your QParents account:

- your full name
- your email address
- your mobile phone number (if provided)
- basic details of any delegated viewers you have invited
- the types of documents you provided during registration (but not the actual documents)
- details of any payments you have made (but not credit card details).

Where is my personal information stored?

The Department of Education has contracted Microsoft to host the QParents app. Your personal information is stored in Microsoft's secure data centre in Australia. All personal information is protected using the latest encryption techniques, rendering this information unreadable to unauthorised people. For more information, see the Microsoft Azure Trust Centre.



Queensland
Government

Fact sheet for parents

Will you use my data for advertising purposes?

No. Queensland Government agencies are not permitted to disclose your information for marketing, advertising or other purposes.

Where has my child's information been sourced from?

Information about your child in QParents has been collected through school processes such as enrolment and/or recorded by teachers and school staff in the school's IT system called OneSchool.

How current is the information in QParents?

Information will be available in QParents as soon as it has been recorded or updated in OneSchool.

Any information updated by you in QParents (e.g. reasons for absences, your child's details or medical conditions) will be available immediately for the school to review and confirm the update in OneSchool.

What happens if I don't want my child's information in QParents?

Where there is more than one parent or guardian of a child, either party may opt to have a QParents account. In these circumstances, your child's information will be available to the other parent or guardian. If all parties do not want their child's information in QParents, you should contact your child's school.

Where can I find help using QParents?

If you need assistance using QParents, you can:

- check the help page at qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help
- call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
- contact your child's school.

QParents



Registration fact sheet

What do I need to register for QParents?

To register, you will need:

- your unique invitation code sent to you by your child's school
- an active email account
- each child's EQ ID number
- 100 points of ID to verify your identity.

How do I verify my identity?

To verify your identity online, you must provide at least 100 points from the online documents list:

Document	Points	Document	Points
Australian passport	50 pts	Australian marriage certificate	40 pts
Australian driver licence	50 pts	Australian change of name certificate	40 pts
Australian birth certificate	50 pts	Australian visa (foreign passport)	20 pts
Australian citizenship certificate	40 pts	Medicare card	20 pts

What if I can't verify my identity online?

If you are unable to provide 100 points of ID online, you can still register for QParents.

During the registration process, select the 'not enough ID' option and then visit the school to have your identity verified.

The school can verify your identity using a combination of 100 points of the following documents and the additional identity documents.

Document	Points	Document	Points
Passport	60 pts	Marriage certificate	40 pts
Driver licence	60 pts	Citizenship certificate	40 pts
Birth certificate	50 pts	Change of name certificate	40 pts

Additional identity documents

You will also need to show at least one additional document from List 1 or two documents from List 2.

List 1	List 2
Learner driver's licence	Bank statement showing your name and address (less than 6 months old)
Working with Children Check (blue card)	Utilities statement showing your name and address (less than 6 months old)
Adult proof of age card	Pensioner Concession Card
Queensland Weapons Licence	Department of Veterans' Affairs entitlement card
Industry Authority cards (issued by the Department of Transport and Main Roads)	Health Care Card or Seniors Health Card or other Department of Human Services entitlement cards
	Student identity card issued by an Australian education institution
	Queensland or Australian Government staff identity card

Still unable to verify your identity?

In exceptional circumstances, school principals may approve QParent accounts under the 'Known Person/Community Standing' option.

When will my account be activated?

Once your identity has been verified, the school will activate your account.

Need help?

Additional assistance is available from:

- QParents help page at qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help
- call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
- contact your child's school.

2023 BOOK PACK PRICES

	TOTAL	Scrapbook Qty	Prep/Yr 1 1/2 page Scrapbook	Year 2 Full page Scrapbook	Year 3/4 Full page Scrapbook	Communication Diary	Student Diary	Targeting Handwriting Student Book
Prep (BOOKP)	\$ 36.35	4	\$ 26.60			\$9.75		
Year 1 (BOOK1)	\$ 40.10	2	\$ 13.30			\$9.75		\$ 17.05
Year 2 (BOOK2)	\$ 33.45	1		\$ 6.65		\$9.75		\$ 17.05
Year 3 (BOOK3)	\$ 40.10	2			\$ 13.30	\$9.75		\$ 17.05
Year 4 (BOOK4)	\$ 53.40	4			\$ 26.60	\$9.75		\$ 17.05
Year 5 (BOOK5)	\$ 34.40						\$ 17.35	\$ 17.05
Year 6 (BOOK6)	\$ 34.40						\$ 17.35	\$ 17.05

Individual Sale Receipting Codes: DIARYP Communication Diary (Prep - 4)
 DIARYS School Diary (Yr 5 - 10)
 TEXTHW Qld Targeting Handwriting Book
 SCRAPBK Printed Scrapbooks

Term 1 Calendar, 2023

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 20-24 March (Harmony Week)	20	21	22	23 Cross Country	24 National ride your bike to school day (Dress up your Bike) Harmony Day-wear rainbow colours
Week 10 27-31 March	27	28	29	30 9/10 Excursion Tambo Teddies	31 Easter Bonnet Parade