



# AGNES WATER STATE SCHOOL

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## Day of Colour

Many thanks to our wonderful P&C Association and all of the parents, families and friends who assisted with fundraising for our Colour Fun Run on Friday 1 September. A special thanks to QFRS and Agnes Water Rural Fire Brigade for helping out for the afternoon.



Friday 1 September was also the day that students coloured our Principal's hair as part of the Year 6 Camp Fundraising. Green was the highest voted colour, with pink coming in second. The student council raised \$120 to go towards camp.



## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Fri 8 Sept	Year 4-6 Interschool Soccer Comp
Fri 8 Sept	Final numbers for Year 6 Camp due
Tues 12 - Thurs 14 Sept	Principal at School Review
Fri 15 Sept	Behaviour Celebration Day
Sat 16 Sept - Sun 1 Oct	School Vacation
Mon 2 Oct	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>Tues 3 Oct</b>	<b>School commences for Term 4</b>
Fri 6 Oct	Changing Bodies Information Session. Senior School.
Mon 9 Oct to Fri 13 Oct	Year 6 School Camp
<b>Mon 16 Oct</b>	<b>State-Wide Student Free Day for State Schools - School is Closed.</b>
Tues 17 Oct	Prep Transition Day 2 - 8:40 to 11:00am
Wed 18 Oct	Tetra-Olympiad Spelling
Fri 20 Oct	Sports Electives Commence for Year 4 to Year 6
Mon 23 Oct to Fri 27 Oct	Dance Fever - Dance Program all Year Levels.
Wed 1 Nov	Prep Transition Day 3 - 8:40 to 11:00am
Mon 6 Nov - Thurs 23 Nov	Prep Enrolment Interviews
Thurs 16 Nov	Prep Transition Day 4 - 8:40 to 11:00am
Friday 1 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner TBC
Wed 6 Dec	Presentation Night 6:00pm
Thurs 7 Dec	Student Reports & 2018 Booklists Released
Thurs 7 Dec	Behaviour Celebration Day
Fri 8 Dec	Last of School 2017
Sat 9 Dec to Sun 21 Jan	Summer School Vacation
Wed 17 Jan	School Office Opens for 2018
Thurs 18 Jan	2018 Class Lists Published
Mon 22 Jan	2018 School Year Commences

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

I am extremely proud of the work our school has undertaken over the last three years to ensure that our school provides outstanding curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities for all students.

This year our efforts have been nationally recognised in several media publications and journal articles written about our school. Our leadership team has also been actively contributing to system priorities and development of other school leaders. In March 2018, our Master Teacher, Head of Curriculum and I, have been requested to share our school's journey with other school leaders in Melbourne. This is an amazing opportunity for our team and outstanding acknowledgement of our wonderful school.

This year our school staff have also continued the focus on providing a safe and supportive environment through our Positive Behaviour for Learning approaches. The energy applied to this is continually reflected in ongoing positive behaviours of our students. A recent analysis of school data, has shown that 98.7% of our students are continuously exceeding, meeting or only requiring a small reminder of our school expectations. This far exceeds our targets and is only achieved through the consistency of our staff and the support parents provide to our teachers in reinforcing our school expectations.

Our school is heading in the right direction, but there are always ways that we can enhance our practice and we need to continue to monitor, review and sustain the professional development of our staff. On Monday 16 October, all State Schools in Queensland will be closed for a Student Free Day. Our school staff will be involved in a day of professional development with other schools in the Discovery Coast Cluster of schools, looking at how we build student resilience, maintain student wellbeing and ensuring our school programs have a balance of curriculum and life skills.

From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, I will be assisting with a school review as a Peer Reviewer. Every State School undergoes a full school review every four years. During each review, a Principal from another school is required to provide input as a peer. While my focus will be on supporting the school participating in the review, it will also be an invaluable professional

development opportunity for me and will assist in preparing our school for our next review currently planned for 2018. During these three days Mrs Leigh Tankey will be the teacher in charge.

### **Ibu Swan**

Congratulations to our Indonesian teacher, Ibu Swan. She has recently been selected to represent Education Queensland as part of a delegation travelling to Indonesia during the September School Holidays to further enhance our relationship with their education department.

### **Science and Technology Challenge**

Congratulations to our 16 students from Year 4 & 5 who represented our school at the third round of the Tetra Olympiad. Our students worked collaboratively to solve two engineering problems, with several placings throughout the competition.



### **Getting Ready for 2018**

We have begun accepting enrolment forms for 2018. Copies of our 2018 enrolment package are available from our school office or the Agnes Water Childcare Centre.

From Monday 6 November to Thursday 23 November 2017, we will be holding our Prep Enrolment Interviews. Enrolment Interviews are an important part of the enrolment process and take up to 45 minutes. Parents with enrolment packages returned to the school will be contacted by our administration staff in early October to arrange interview times.

During Term Four we have three more transition days available for children enrolling into Prep in 2018. During these days, information sessions will be run for parents about school routines, enrolment and reading programs. All children attending are required to be with a parent or with the childcare centre. Children need to bring a small snack, hat, waterbottle and sunscreen.

Sessions will commence at 8:40am. This is our school start time and will families in starting to plan for new morning routines in 2018. Children attending the Kindy on these transition days are

asked to ensure they are at Kindy ready for bus pick up at 8:30am.

#### Term Four Transition Days

Tues 17 October 2017 - 8:40am to 11:00am

Wed 1 November 2017 - 8:40am to 11:00am

Thurs 16 November 2017 - 8:40am to 11:00am

Children do not need to attend all transition days.

#### Book Week 2017

Our School Celebrated Book Week 2017 with an awesome display of imagination and creativity at our annual Book Week Parade. It was impressive to see the variety of characters that students chose to dress up as on Friday 25 August.

Congratulations to our winners of this year's best costumes for each class. The stand out was definitely Darby's dinosaur, completely home-made!



#### Optiminds

Seven students from Year 5 and Year 6 competed at the 2017 Opti-Minds Challenge on Saturday 26 August. The students participated in a spontaneous round and planned performance. The team were required to design a flat pack housing system that could assemble and collapse in one action. Our team worked collaboratively during the spontaneous challenge and presented a concise performance with fully working system. The team under the guidance of Mrs Allison Harris and Mrs Julia Cook have spent many lunch times



and after school sessions preparing for the event. Well done everyone.

#### Term 3 Behaviour Celebration Day

Letters of invitation for our Term 3 Behaviour Celebration Day will be sent home on Monday 4 September for students who have continued to meet and exceed our expectations. Students will be involved in a ½ day excursion including a LARC trip. This activity will cost \$5.50 per student, with permission forms and money required to be returned by Monday 11 September. As always, students must continue to demonstrate the school's expectations to attend on the day.

#### Car Park Progress

Gladstone Regional Council have determined that they would like to hold a community forum to discuss the carpark proposal for Agnes Water State School. Unfortunately we do not have a confirmed date for this to occur at present. Once a date has been determined, information will be sent out with all parents welcome to provide their input into the car parking proposal.

#### Aquathlon

The 2017 Aquathlon is approaching quickly. This year we have a group of students in the U14 division training with the school on Friday afternoons. The Aquathlon will be held on Saturday 30 September (last Saturday of the school holidays). Individual nominations are also available and can be obtained from the Agnes Water Pharmacy. Our team is planning on a final training session as a group on Wednesday 6 September from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Students who have been training with the school are to bring their swimmers, towel and goggles (if required) to this last training session.

#### Uniform Change

Our new school shirts have started arriving and will be available for sale from mid Term 4 for smaller sizing, larger sizes will be available closer to the end of the school year. The new shirts will be sold for \$27.50 and will be available from our Uniform Shop and Advantage Signs. While these shirts will be available for purchase, they are not to be worn until 2018.

New stock of our sport shirts and bucket hats have also arrived.

Our existing school shirt stocks are almost sold out. We will continue to sell these shirts at the discounted rate until all stock has been sold.

While the current style of school shirt can continue to be worn until the end of 2019, all students will require one of the new style shirts for school photos in Term 3, 2018.

It is a reminder that while House Shirts are part of our uniform, they are to be worn on Fridays only and at school sporting events, as per our Code of Dress.

### **Head of Curriculum News**

#### **Wellbeing in Our Classrooms**

At Agnes Water State School we are devoted to improving the wellbeing of our students through high quality programs in our Health Curriculum. Some of these programs can be woven into our daily routines and even home life. An example of this is the Smiling Mind app. 'Smiling Mind' exists to help build individual mental health and wellbeing through positive, pre-emptive tools based on mindfulness meditation. Co-developed with psychologists and health professionals Smiling Mind is accessible to everyone, irrespective of geographic location or socio-economic status. The Smiling Mind Education Programs are mapped to the curriculum and designed to support educators to bring mindfulness into the classroom. All lesson plans are tailored to each age level across primary and secondary school levels.

We are excited to notice how regular practice of various forms of meditation in different classrooms is creating calm learning environments and the students notice this as well. If you would like to learn more about how Smiling Mind works you can download the free app and talk through this with your children. There are even programs for parents and some are aimed at different transitions in our lives – such as resuming school and so on. (<https://smilingmind.com.au/our-programs/mindfulness-in-the-classroom/>)

#### **“Celebrate what you want to see more of.” Tom Peters**

As we celebrate Fathers' Day I would like to share with you the insights from the 4/5 class about their dads. We completed a brainstorming activity

about everything we are grateful to our dads for so we could write Gratitude Letters to them for Fathers' Day. Thank you dads, for the amazing chicken burgers you cook, the hilarious dad jokes that never fail to get a laugh, and for your encouraging words. You make us feel safe and you give us adventure. Judging from the responses from the class you are all amazing surfers/fisherman/snorkelers/chefs and fathers. Thank you for the difference you make dads, we appreciate you all.

Please share what you see – we welcome feedback about your child's education...email me at [ltank1@eq.edu.au](mailto:ltank1@eq.edu.au) so we can all benefit from the wealth of knowledge in this lovely community.

Yours in Learning,  
Mrs Leigh Tankey



## Agnes Water Pharmacy Junior Aquathlon

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017  
Agnes Water Main Beach

Registration 2:00pm  
Race Start 2:30pm

*C'mon kids, give it a go!*

U10: 250m Run, 100m Swim,  
250m Run

U14: 1km Run, 200m Swim,  
1km Run

**\$10 Entry**



*A parent/guardian must be present  
at the race to authorize entry. Minimum age 7  
years old @ 31/12/17*

Entry forms available at Agnes Water  
Pharmacy

Enquiries phone  
Helen on 0409 846 562  
[www.agneswatertriathlon.com](http://www.agneswatertriathlon.com)



## Sunday 1st October 2017 Cenotaph Car Park, Agnes Water

Registration 6:00am  
Race Start 7:30am

**Sprint Distance: Swim 750m,  
Cycle 20km, Run 5km**

**Come 'n' Tri: Swim 375m,  
Cycle 10km, Run 2.5km**

Team events also available

Enquiries phone Helen 0409486562  
[www.agneswatertriathlon.com](http://www.agneswatertriathlon.com)

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