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Pyjama Day

Thanks to all of our students and staff who came in their PJ's to help with the Year 6 camp fundraising on Thursday 15.



Jump Rope for Heart

Friday 16 June was our school's Jump Off for Jump Rope for Heart. Thank you to all of the families and friends for sponsoring our students. All fundraising must be returned by Monday 19 June.



Debating

Congratulations to our Year 4, 5 and 6 students who represented our school at the interschool chess round of the Tetra-Olympiad. Our students presented many strong arguments and collaborated well with students from Miriam Vale, Rosedale and DCC.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Mon 19 June	P&C Meeting 3:00pm
Wed 21 June	Athletics Carnival
Thurs 22 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 23 June	Behaviour Celebration Day
Fri 23 June	Semester One Report Cards
Sat 24 June - Sun 9 July	Winter Break
Mon 10 July	School resumes Term 2
Fri 14 July	Parent Information Session - Understanding your child's report card - following parade.
Wed 12 July	Yr 6 Secondary School Information Session at AWSS
24-28 July	Visiting Scientist Program
24 July	Year 1 & Year 1/2 Excursion - Tentative
Thurs 3 Aug	Kindy Buddy Program & Student Leadership Development Program commences
Thurs 3 Aug	Year 6 STEM Day - Rosedale
Mon 7 Aug	Interschool Chess
Thurs 17 Aug	Buddy Program
Mon 21 Aug	Photos - Tentative
Mon 21 Aug	Prep 2018 Information Session 6:00pm
Fri 25 Aug	Book Week Parade
Wed 30 Aug	Tetra-Olympiad Science & Technology
Thurs 31 Aug	Kindy Transition Day
Thurs 31 Aug	School Performance Tours - Swag of Tales.
28 - 1 Sept	Parent Teacher Meetings
Fri 1 Sept	Colour Fun Run P&C Fundraiser
Thurs 14 Sept	Buddy Program
Fri 15 Sept	Behaviour Celebration Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week is the last week of Term Two and it has been a very busy term for our staff and students. I want to commend our students for their efforts over the term with one of our highest rates of attendance at a Behaviour Celebration Day next week. Our students have represented our school with pride at various inter-school events including cross country, debating and chess. In Term 3, there are many class excursions already in the process of planning to support classroom programs. We have a visiting scientist joining our school early in the term and our transition programs for Prep and Secondary School kick into full swing. In Term Three we also commence our student leadership process in readiness for 2018.

With our last parade for the term being today, I took the opportunity to revisit one of our most important expectations – respect. One element of respect that we promote to students is to encourage others. I was very impressed at how our students demonstrated this during our Jump Off today, especially for those hesitant to try out new skills. The encouraging language, rounds of applause and cheers for students who were nervous or doubting themselves was wonderful to see. These demonstrations by our students reminded me of how great the students in our school are and how supportive they can be to each other.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers and our staff for your efforts over this semester to provide a great learning environment for our students. I wish everyone a safe and refreshing break and I look forward to the exciting adventures of Term Three.

Celebration Day

Our Behaviour Celebration Day will be held on Friday 23 June. Celebration Days are the Principal's reward to students for their continued efforts to demonstrate the school expectations while acknowledging that students are still children and learning how to best be effective citizens in our community.

Students attending celebration day are to be at school by 8:30am ready for an 8:45am departure. Students must bring with them their lunch for the day and ensure they have been to the toilet before going to their class.

All permission forms and money must be returned to the office by the start of school Monday 19 June. Unfortunately we cannot accept late payment or permission forms due to final numbers and payment required to the cinemas by the morning of Monday 19 June.

All students attending the Celebration Day are to be in full school uniform. House shirts are not to be worn, however Year 6 students may wear their senior shirt. Students must also be in correct shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers etc.

Non attending students will be provided a full program at school for the day.

School Annual Report - Website

During June each year, State School's publish an annual report for the previous calendar year. Our 2016 Annual Report is available from our school website homepage, a hard copy is available in our office and parents can request an individual copy.

Student Report Cards

During Term Two and Term Four, our school provides parents a formal report summarising student performance over the semester. In making our judgements of student performance, we refer to the Achievement Standards from the Australian Curriculum for each year level. Student performance is measured against these standards, not against other students. From this semester, we will report on all Learning Areas, using only the Australian Curriculum. We will also report on Indonesian from Prep to Year 6 for the first time.

For some Learning Areas such as Humanities, The Arts, Languages and HPE, students work towards an achievement standard over a two or three year window. In some of these Learning Areas there are also different subjects studied that contribute towards the overall achievement of the Learning Area. In Humanities, all students study History and Geography, from Year 3 students engage in Civics and Citizenship and from Year 5 will commence studying Economics. These subjects may not be taught or assessed each semester depending on the context of learning occurring, however a result for humanities will be provided every six months. In The Arts, students will engage in five subjects over a two year period. In Semester One, students will study and receive a report for

Music and Visual Arts. In Semester Two, students will study Drama and alternate each year between Media Arts and Dance.

A comment will accompany each result for each subject. From this comment, parents will receive an overview of the achievement level, exceeding the standard, working at the standard or requiring support to achieve the standard. The comment will also provide an overview of information for parents about the learning that has been occurring throughout the semester.

The oldest in the family will receive the report cards for their family in a sealed envelope. Parents may also request a digital copy of the report card after the release of the hard copy.

During Term Three, further opportunities for parents to meet with their child's class teacher will be available during Week 8.

Emergency Drills

Congratulations to our staff and students for their conduct during the emergency drills during the last two weeks. We have undertaken an evacuation drill and lock down drill while students were out of their classrooms. It was great to see students treat each drill as a serious event and responded timely and responsibly. Further drills will be conducted throughout the remainder of the year.

Athletics Carnival

Our 2017 Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21 June and Thursday 22 June. This two day event is for all students from Prep to Year 6. Students in all year levels will participate in full or modified field events of shot-put, discus and long jump. Most age groups will also participate in High Jump. All students will be involved in at least one sprint, relay and ball game over the two days. With older age groups competing in the 800m and 200m events.

We are seeking parent helpers with the tuckshop for the two days, as well as assistants with the field events. If you are able to assist with either, please let Helen in the office know.

Please see the attached program for the schedule of events for the day. Please note that set times are not provided as events may run ahead or

behind schedule, however over the course of the day these events will balance out.

There is a slight change to the program from the last two years with all field events being held on Wednesday 21 June and the majority of track events on Thursday 22 June.

A copy of our school's [athletics guidelines](#) are available on the school's website under Forms and Documents.

Student Council News

The Student Council's major camp fundraiser for Term 3 is a bidding war for the colour to dye the Principal's hair. The colour with the highest bid towards it will be the temporary colour of Mr Buchanan's hair. In the event that a draw occurs between two or more colours, then all of these colours will be added. More information will come out early in Term 3.

Head of Curriculum News

How do we report at AWSS?

At Agnes Water State School we offer a range of ways to keep parents informed about their child's progress. Twice a year parents have the opportunity to have interviews with the teachers, and twice a year we send home written reports.

Parents are always welcome to make appointments at any time during the year if they have questions or would like to see how their child is progressing. We strongly encourage these school-parent relationships as we can see firsthand how much benefit this brings to the children. Next week you will receive your child's report card. The nature of the report card may have changed since we were at school ourselves. When teachers make judgments about student work they do so after examining a range of evidence that demonstrates your child's relevant Achievement Standard for that subject. If a child has produced work that soundly demonstrates the Achievement Standard they are given a 'C' judgement. A 'C' judgement indicates that they are showing us a sound level of knowledge and understanding at this stage of their learning. An Achievement Standard represents a whole year of learning. We understand that you may have questions about your child's progress and next term I will be holding a Parent Information Session called 'Understanding Your

Child's Report Card...how can we progress?' During this session I will show work samples and give you some helpful strategies to help improve your child's learning. If you have any specific questions you would like addressed, please email me anytime. I look forward to working with you.

Our Teachers are Life-long Learners



Over the last few weeks our dedicated team of teachers have been improving their knowledge of integrating technology into our classrooms to enhance learning. Our talented technology expert, Mrs Nyree Buchanan, led us through a series of

interactive activities using coding skills to give students another tool to engage with elements of literacy and numeracy. Our teachers walked in the shoes of our students and devised creative ways to solve problems. This week all classroom teachers were released for a whole day each to work in teams to plan and prepare for next term. So much professional collaboration and sharing of fabulous ideas – and yet again it is our students who will benefit.

The Australian Curriculum will be enacted in our classrooms next semester using the context of our area – from investigating the history of the Bustard Heads Lighthouse, exploring the 'specialness' of the Paperbark Trail to discovering the impact of environmental decisions and more. We take pride in delivering a curriculum that is aligned and meaningful.



"Celebrate what you want to see more of." Tom Peters

This fortnight I want to celebrate the efforts of one of our 2/3 teachers Mrs Dawn Morton. I had the pleasure of visiting these excited little learners as they designed their marble runs – they were so proud of their work. Students in this class are immersed in the Seven Steps to Writing Success

and it is very evident in the persuasive reports that have recently written – be sure to stop by and see the noticeboard where they are on display – you will be amazed. Mrs Morton is devoted to her class – she is always cheerful and always looking for ways to improve their learning. Thanks Mrs Morton, we appreciate you!

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

Yours in Learning,

Understanding Your Child's Report Card...

Parent Information Session

Do you have questions about your child's report card?

Do you want to know how marks are given?

Do you want to find out how to help your child progress?

Come along to our computer lab

Friday 14 July after parade.

A play corner will be set up for littlies.

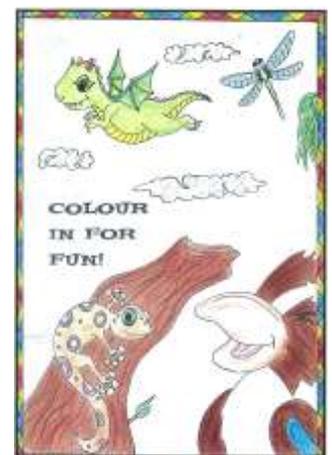
Please RSVP to ltank1@eq.edu.au

Mrs Leigh Tankey

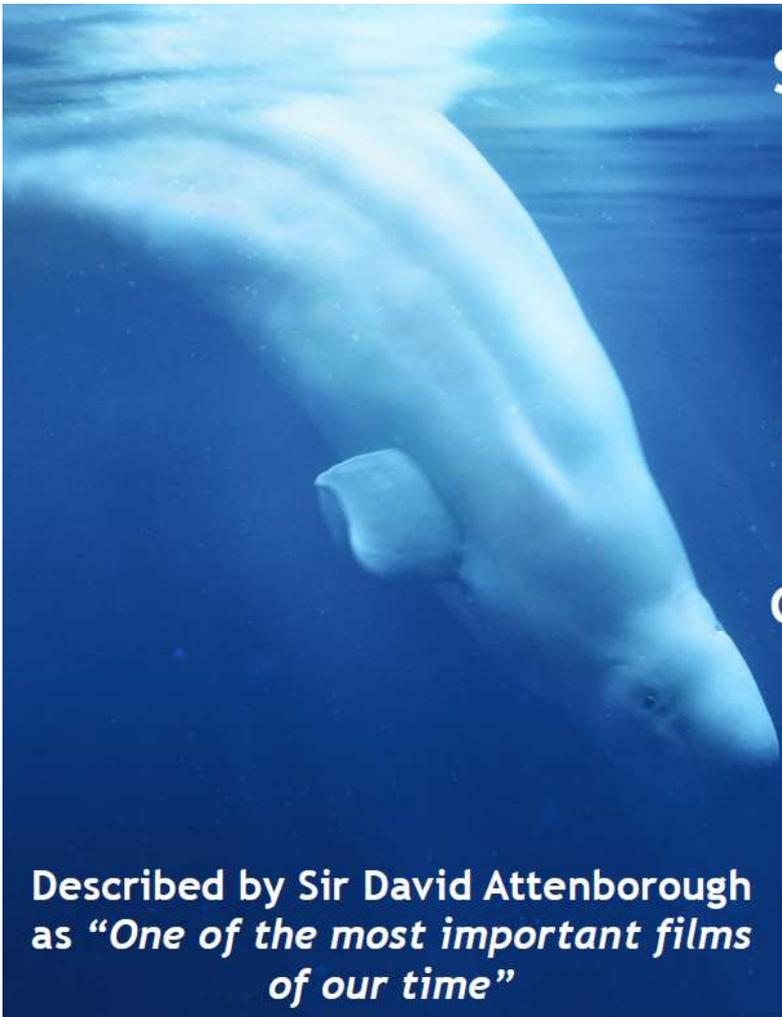
Colour in for Fun

Do your kids like to colour in? A locally drawn and printed colouring in book has been made with 30 animal images and life quotes for kids of all ages.

This book was made with the intention of helping kids with affirmations for confidence, slowing down by colouring in and to just have fun with it.



Books are for sale for \$6 each or two for \$10.



Sea Shepherd Marine Debris Campaign

Invite you to the
screening of
A Plastic Ocean
at

**Capt Cook Holiday Village
Town of 1770
Qld
June 30th 2017
6.30pm**

Described by Sir David Attenborough
as *“One of the most important films
of our time”*

Entry by Gold Coin Donation
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Athletics Program 2017

Event	Age Divisions
8:40am Roll Marking in Classes	
War Cry & Welcome	
Field Event Rotation 1	Long Jump 1: 11yrs 2006 Long Jump 2: 12yrs 2005 Shot Put 1: 7yrs 2010 Shot Put 2: 8yrs 2009 Discuss 1: 5yrs 2012 Discuss 2: 6yrs 2011 High Jump 1: 9yrs 2008 High Jump 2: 10yrs 2007
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Lunch	
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Afternoon Tea	High Jump concludes
800m	
Conclusion Day 1	

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8:40am Roll Marking in classes	
March Past	
200m Heats	10 Yr – 13 Yr Old
Sprint Heats	All age divisions
Sprint Finals	Note: Fastest 4-6 from each heat (depending on number of students in age group). Where there is only 1 heat, this will be treated as a final.
Lunch	
Relays	Relays
Ball Games	Mixed Age Groups Prep Year 1/2 Year 3/4 Year 5/6 All students will participate in at least 1 ball game.
Afternoon Tea	
200m Finals	
2:00pm Presentations	
Students return to their classrooms to finish day	