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Why is our Lighthouse Bustard?

Our Year 2/3 and Year 3 classes visited Bustard Lighthouse on Thursday 17 August as part of their in-class learning. Through Humanities, students look at Indigenous and European historical sites of importance and how these have contributed to our community today.



What a rush...gold rush!

Year 4/5 visited Mount Morgan on Friday 18 August as part of their study of the Gold Rush. Students were treated to a tour of the open cut mine and rail museum.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Mon 21 Aug	P&C Meeting
Mon 21 Aug	Prep 2018 Information Session 6:00pm
Thurs 24 Aug	Book Fair Sale Day
Fri 25 Aug	Book Week Parade
Sat 26 Aug	Optiminds Regional Competition
Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sep	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Wed 30 Aug	Tetra-Olympiad Science & Technology
Thurs 31 Aug	Kindy Transition Day
Thurs 31 Aug	School Performance Tours - Swag of Tales.
Thurs 31 Aug	Fathers Day Stall
Fri 1 Sept	Colour Mr B's Hair Camp Fundraiser
Fri 1 Sept	Colour Fun Run
Fri 8 Sept	Year 4-6 Interschool Soccer Comp
Thurs 14 Sept	Buddy Program
Fri 15 Sept	Behaviour Celebration Day

Vital: Unlimited

All Year 5 students will participate in the Vital: Unlimited leadership and teambuilding program by the end of 2017. This program run by Chappy Josh and Beth culminates in a team challenge to conquer some of their fears.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Children are very perceptive and often take in more than we realise from the media and adult conversations that they over hear. There have been significant topics of late broadcast through the media that are becoming very divisive, ranging from acts of terrorism, the rising conflict with North Korea and the plebiscite currently underway. Many of these topics have been discussed by children in the playground recently, particularly by younger students who are often more curious and are still trying to understand the world around them. As a school, we do not promote any position, apart from that of Respect.

Promoting respect within our school means that we teach children to acknowledge that others may have a different opinion to us and that we do not persecute, insult or discriminate others because of their opinions. It means that we acknowledge that the acts of one, are not the acts of all. To achieve this we always aim to speak with compassion, kindness and inclusivity and demonstrate this in the actions that we show towards others.

Language and behaviours that are derogatory, insulting or discriminatory towards others are not welcome in our school.

As a school we ask for your help as parents in promoting these behaviours and providing age appropriate responses to the curious questions that your children ask.

As a society with freedom of speech, it is important that we allow children to develop their individual opinions that are well informed, but also acknowledge their responsibility of building a respectful community.

After School / Outside of School Hours

Recently we have had a series of small acts of vandalism and theft of school property occurring outside of school hours. It is a reminder that any children that are on school grounds after school must be either be at the set areas designated for activities such as the hall while waiting for after school sports or fully supervised by their parents.

Individuals that are on school grounds without permission of the school outside of school hours, particularly minors and people around school buildings may be referred to Queensland Police.

It is also important that students are not on school grounds prior to 8:00am. Our school does not guarantee supervision for students prior to school

commencement at 8:30am and school staff are not officially on duty until 8:30am.

Parents are responsible for organising private childcare or supervision arrangements outside of the school prior to 8:00am.

Please be aware that from Term Four 2017, our school office will not be open until 8:00am and phones will go to message bank prior to this time.

Everyday and Every Minute Counts

Term One this year was our school's best attendance rate ever, getting close to state averages of attendance. However, this term, we have seen a large increase in students arriving late to school with one of our highest rates of late arrivals. It is important to ensure students have the best opportunity to be successful, to achieve this, students are to be at school on time each day. Our class teachers are at their rooms by 8:30am, allowing students 10 minutes to be prepared for the school day ready to start learning at 8:40am. Students are to be at school ready for the day by 8:40am.

Student Free Day

On Monday 16 October, all State School's across Queensland will be closed for teacher professional development. Staff from Miriam Vale, Rosedale, Agnes Water, Lowmead, Winfield and Wartburg will be involved in a cluster conference about building wellbeing and exploring practical applications for the classroom.

Headlice

There has been a recent increase in the amount of identified cases of headlice within the school. Headlice are a common menace in schools and requires all families to be vigilant in managing outbreaks. If your child has headlice, they must be treated before attending school. It is also important that your child's head is checked daily after treatment for seven days and then weekly for at least a month.

Spread of headlice is more common in schools in the warmer months and parents are asked to be proactive about monitoring their own child's hair.

There are measures that parents can take to help reduce the risk of spreading including;

1. Ensuring that children have their own hats.
2. Children with hair shoulder length or longer have their hair tied back. Longer hair that is above shoulder length should be held in place with headbands.

3. The use of Eucalyptus or Tea Tree oil mixed with water and used in a waterspray bottle while doing hair daily.
4. Hairspray can assist with deterring transfer of headlice.
5. Checking your child's hair weekly.

Science and Technology Challenge

Sixteen students from Year 4 & 5 have been selected to represent our school at the third round of the Tetra Olympiad. This round is a Science and Technology Challenge and will be held at Miriam Vale P-10 school on Tuesday 29 August. The event consists of team problem solving challenges that require students to apply their knowledge of design processes, science concepts; particularly physics based ideas and a bit of ingenuity. Good luck to our school team.

Getting Ready for 2018

It is at this time of the year, we start getting ready for our transitions for our future Preps and departing Year 6 students. We also begin our planning around staffing for 2018.

Enrolment packages for 2018 are now available from our school office and the Agnes Water Childcare Centre. We have three transition activities occurring this term.

Our first formal transition day is Thursday 31 August from 9:00am to 10:50am at Agnes Water State School.

This transition is open to all children planning on commencing Prep in 2018. Agnes Water Childcare will also be joining us for the morning. 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.

There will also be a parent information session on Monday 21 August in our hall from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Repeat sessions will be held during our Term 4 transition days.

For our Year 6 students we will be shortly commencing our Secondary School Readiness Program. This program is conducted with Rosedale P-12 School and is general focus on what to expect and how to prepare for Secondary School. This program is for all Year 6 students and allows students to experience the different subjects on offer in Secondary School and how timetables and structures in Secondary School differ from Primary School. Additional transition days are held with Students attending schools other than Rosedale. Parents are responsible for organising their own transportation and child's attendance at other school transition days.

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 and awaiting on advice from Gladstone Regional Council. Once a date has been determined information will be sent out, with all parents welcome to provide their input into the car parking proposal.

Staff on Leave

Over the next few weeks we have several staff on leave. Mrs Angie Draheim will be away from the 28 August to 15 September. Mrs Draheim will be replaced by Mrs Christie Bland. Mrs Cathy Hancock and Mr John Hancock will be on leave from the 4 September to the 15 September. Mrs Hancock will be covered by Mrs Margaret Crowther and Mr Hancock will be covered by Mrs Sophie Peters. Mrs Allison Harris will be on leave from the 11 September to the 13 September.

Mr Richard Gourlay will be on leave from Monday 28 August to Friday 15 September. Mrs Leigh Tankey and Mr Trevor Buchanan will be covering this class. Due to the class commitments over the next few weeks for Mrs Tankey and Mr Buchanan, please ensure that you make an appointment through the office if you wish to see either of these staff.

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). Any Year 4, 5 or 6 students wanting to register and train with the school are to collect a permission form from the office and return it by 18 August. Individual nominations are also available and can be obtained from the Agnes Water Pharmacy.

Tennis

Last Friday two teams from AWSS travelled to Bundaberg to compete in the Wide Bay trials for the Brisbane International Schools Challenge Green Ball competition. Teams from Star of the Sea Torquay, AWSS and DCC played out the trials. A new rule change introduced this year eliminated the chance that AWSS would ever have two teams compete



again in Brisbane in this division. All players played singles and doubles in a Fast Four format.

A great display of sportsmanship and ever improving performance put in by all eight players. Outstanding effort by Ari who was a late minute substitute for the injured Paige Winzar. Ari was the only player to win all his singles matches and win a set against the champion team Star of the Sea. AWSS 1 were runners up and have the chance of playing in Brisbane in January in 2018. AWSS 2 placed 3rd and DCC 4th. AWSS will also be represented in Brisbane with an Orange Ball team.

Angie Draheim

Book Week

Monday 21 August to Friday 25 August is Bookweek. It is also our annual Book Fair. From Monday to Wednesday students and parents will be able to view books from 8:15am to 8:40am. Students will also visit the book fair with their classes during these days. Thursday 24 August will be our book sale day. The Library will be open from 8:00am to 3:00pm. With students and parents able to purchase books throughout the day.

On Friday 25 August we will be holding our Bookweek parade. This has been a great event in the past with students having the chance to dress up as their favourite book character and often includes a great book retelling from our school staff. The parade will be held in our school hall from 9:00am.

Camp Fundraiser

The student council will be running a camp fundraiser over the next two weeks. Students are encouraged to vote to colour Mr Buchanan's hair on Friday 1 September. It is 20c per vote, with the highest voted colour being applied to Mr Buchanan's hair and the second highest colour on his beard. Students can vote as many times as they like with daily tallies being shared with classes. One lucky student will also be randomly drawn to apply the hair colouring.

Head of Curriculum News

Curriculum Links beyond the walls of our classrooms

At Agnes Water State School we are extremely proud of the creative way our teachers link the Learning Areas of the Australian Curriculum to meaningful and relevant experiences beyond the walls of our classroom. On Thursday 17 August our Year 2/3 and 3 students were able to experience firsthand the beauty and significance of the Bustard Head Lighthouse and surrounding habitats. The Australian Curriculum outlines study and inquiry into our connections to places, how these connections have changed over time and how they are

represented geographically. By experiencing this on the LARC Excursion our students were completely immersed in the history and geography of our stunning coastline. The depth of student knowledge and genuine interest in the history of this area is a credit to the teachers Miss Kate, Mr Lane and Mrs Morton. Students conducted themselves beautifully and are to be commended on their behaviour. Special thanks to our parent helpers for your support and assistance – we appreciate your time. We are also very appreciative to Neil Mergard and the talented LARC Team who provided such a depth of knowledge in a really fun way – they even organised for a whale to follow us for part of the trip!

Cross Curriculum Priorities

In addition to the Learning Areas in our Australian Curriculum, we have Cross Curriculum Priorities that broaden the opportunity for richness of student learning. There are three Cross Curriculum Priorities – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia and Sustainability. All Australian Curriculum learning areas can contribute to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures are included in each learning area in ways that are consistent with its content and purpose. They also make it possible to link content across learning areas, which can lead to integrated units of work. If you are unsure about what this may look like in our classroom, please feel free to come and talk to or your child's teacher.

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

This week I would like to celebrate the fantastic efforts of our lovely Prep teacher, Mrs Window. It is hard to walk past the Prep classroom without stopping to visit and admire the hub of learning. Mrs Window dedicates herself to ensure that she creates a learning environment that fosters play and curiosity, and makes the most of learning at every opportunity. They currently have a class café set up where students practice writing, reading and oral language in a significant and fun way. Thank you for always going above and beyond Mrs Window, 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,
Mrs Leigh Tankey

SIGN ON DAY



QUEENSLAND



Find your pathway

Nippers is a great way for your children to make friends, be active, learn lifesaving skills and enjoy the beach in a safe environment. The whole family can have fun! Get down to Agnes Water SLSC for sign on day and find out how to get involved.

Details

Sunday 27th August
9am-11am
Agnes Water SLSC (Surf Ave)

Contact

Karen Wardlaw
0438 188 522
kaz.81@live.com.au

What to Bring

I.D. (Birth Certificate or Driver's License)
Smiles and a fun attitude!

Additional Info

At least one adult must join the club with junior member/s.

lifesavingpathways.com.au



Agnes Water Pharmacy Junior Aquathlon

Saturday 30th 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

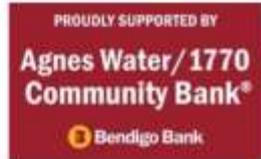
\$10 Entry



*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



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

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