



# AGNES WATER STATE SCHOOL

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## Science goes off with a bang!

Students from Prep to Year 6 were involved in two days of intensive Science exploration with the assistance of Dr Peter Eastwell. Students participated in hands on experiments as well as being treated to two demonstrations.



## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Mon 7 Aug	Parent Information Session for Camp 6:00pm - 5/6B Classroom
Fri 11 Aug	Green Ball Tennis Trial
Mon 14 Aug	Vital Challenge Day
Tues 15 Aug	School Photos
Tues 15 Aug	UNSW Mathematics
Wed 16 Aug	School Photos
Thurs 17 Aug	Buddy Program
Fri 18 Aug	Year 4/5 Gold Rush Excursion
Mon 21 Aug	P&C Meeting
Mon 21 Aug	Prep 2018 Information Session 6:00pm
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 Fun Run
Fri 8 Sept	Year 4-6 Interschool Soccer Comp
Thurs 14 Sept	Buddy Program
Fri 15 Sept	Behaviour Celebration Day

## Buddy Program kicks off for 2017

For the last three years, Year 5 students hopeful of becoming student leaders have been involved in a Buddy Program with the Agnes Water Childcare Centre and BUSHKids. This program commenced for 2017 on Thursday, with some very excited Year 5 students. Students build friendships with Kindy Aged children to assist with their transition into Prep, as well as building their own leadership skills. Student leaders play an important role in assisting Prep Students settle in to the school during their first few weeks of schooling.

The buddy programs continues fortnightly for the remainder of the year and at each of our Prep Transition Davs.

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Caring for our environment and volunteering in the community are two big contributors to enhancing our personal wellbeing. These activities improve our resiliency, enhance our appreciation and help in building our mindfulness. Combine these two activities together and you have a great social activity that gets students outdoors. As a school we participate regularly in beach clean-ups and environmental activities around the school. Last Thursday our Year 4 class worked with the Gladstone Regional Council and Conservation Volunteers Australia to plant over 70 trees as part of dune conservation at Main Beach.



At school, students are regularly involved in propagation, planting, harvesting and cooking of fresh produce grown in our school gardens. If you haven't checked out our edible garden lately, make sure you come in and see the huge variety that is grown.

### **Vital: Unlimited**

Our school is committed to a balanced curriculum for our students that goes beyond just the academics. One of the programs that we run in our school is Vital: Unlimited. This leadership and problem solving program commenced in 2016 and is conducted with our Year 5 students. By the end of this year, we will see our first full cohort of students finishing the program. The eight session

program, run weekly by Chappy's Josh and Beth involves students in complex problem solving and team development challenges that concludes with a major challenge testing the team's ability to work together and support each other.

Vital: Unlimited adds to our existing health based programs of PALS for Prep, Fun Friends for Year 2 & 3, Changing Bodies for Year 5 & 6, Drum Beat (new) for Year 4, Daniel Morcombe: and Respectful Relationships run from Prep to Year 6.

### **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 will be available at the Agnes Water Childcare Centre from next week. We have three transition activities occurring this term. Our Buddy program has already commenced this week and will continue fortnightly with the Agnes Water Childcare Centre.

**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**

Within the next two weeks, parents and the community will be provided an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the proposed car park and stop drop and go zone. Please keep an eye out for further communication through email and our Facebook Page for details on how to contribute to this conversation.

### **Staff on Leave**

We have several staff on leave this term;

Mrs Helen Young: Monday 10 July to Friday 18 August.

Mr Richard Gourlay: Monday 28 August to Friday 15 September.

Mrs Angie Draheim: Monday 28 August to Friday 15 September.

Mrs Cathy Hancock: Monday 4 September to Friday 15 September.

Mr John Hancock: Monday 4 September to Friday 15 September.

Mrs Allison Harris: Monday 11 September to Friday 15 September.

### **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.

### **School Photos**

Our School Photos will be held on Tuesday 15 August and Wednesday 16 August. It is hoped to have all sibling portraits finished on Tuesday 15 August. To assist with this, please ensure all orders are returned prior to our photo day. Prep to Year 3 class photos will be held on Tuesday 15 August in the morning session. Year 4 to Year 6 photos will be held on Wednesday 16 August in the

morning session. Please ensure students are on time for school as class photos will not be rescheduled for late arrivals or absences.

### **Camp Information Session**

A camp information session will be held on Monday 7 August at 6:00pm in the Year 5/6 classrooms. This information session provides parents an overview of camp activities and details.

### **Drawing competition**

Students 7 Years and under are invited to enter a drawing on the theme "Rainforest Magic", into this year's drawing competition as part of the Orchid and Foliage Expo on the 12 & 13 August. Entries are to be submitted to the school office no later than Thursday 10 August 2017 by the end of the school day.





## 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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