



The Agnes School

NEWSLETTER

FORTNIGHTLY



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TERM 3 Volume No 1

PRINCIPAL: Mr DAVID ROUTH

23 July 2014

CALENDAR

Jeans for Genes

1 August

Wear denim and donate a gold coin (greater if you like) for the Children's Medical Research Institute

Walkathon

5 August

Forms to be returned by 1 August

Arts Council

'Sarah's Heavy Heart'

Tuesday 12

August

11.45 and

1.30pm

Book Fair

18 August

School Fete

13 September

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

SAFE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term three. This term there are a number of activities occurring, the first of which is the **Walk-a-Thon** that will happen on the **5th August**. This year we have made sure that there will be plenty of beach for us to walk along. If you would like to support your children and the school I encourage you to join us. Also this term there will be the **Fete 13th September**. The P&C are always looking for helpers and assistance with big events such as this so please get in contact with them if you can pitch in.

I am investigating an additional form of communication to the community through an application called **Skool Bag**. Through Skool Bag we will be able to send out school newsletters, reminders of notes, date claimers etc. The app is free and is available through Google Play and the App Store. I will pass on more information as soon as I know more.

Yesterday I had a meeting with representative from **Gladstone Regional Council and Department of Transport** about our less than ideal parking and drop off zone at the front of the school. The outcome of the meeting is that the council will draft up two plans and bring them back to me so we as a community can have our input into the eventual outcome.

Remember that reading with and to your children every day makes a difference and every day at school counts.

Regards
David Routh
Principal



YEAR 6 & 7

CAMP INFORMATION AFTERNOON

5 August @ 4.30

HOC NEWS

Hello Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3.

This is the term where students really forge ahead. The class routines and expectations are established and well known and the skills for the year are being developed and consolidated. It is the term when concepts usually 'click' and students and teachers feel excited with the progress they make. Look forward to it and celebrate the successes made!! Try and get the home reading happening with discussion as often as possible across all ages as this need is ever present and necessary for students to reach their full potential.

There are quite a few extra curricula things happening too. **Jeans for Genes day** to raise awareness and funds for genetic research in the battle to find cures for childhood diseases. Please have the kids dress in denim and bring a donation (Gold coin or bigger) to school on **Friday the first of August**.

Walkathon on the 5th, **representative sport** in Bundaberg week 4, **Arts Link** (old Arts Council) on the 12th, **CQU** trailer on the 15th and quite a lot of Professional Development listed for the teachers. A very busy term for all.

With the cold weather we are getting the usual build-up of un-named jumpers. We also have an array of lunchboxes, some very expensive, that students have left lying around. They are displayed and students were advised on assembly but very few have been claimed. Many belong to older students with no names on them. They will have to be disposed of soon so, get your children/child collect their belongings.

Looking forward to a busy, productive term.

John Hancock
STLaN:HOC

Great Results Guarantee Update

The dedicated teachers of this lovely school are to be commended for their tireless efforts over the past few months. We have been working very hard together on improving literacy outcomes for all students. Every teacher engaged in a professional meeting with the leadership team where we identified the progress students have made over the year and set new goals. The teachers will then implement various strategies and also collaborate with the students on these goals. We will revisit these goals and note improvement in week 6 of term 3. The data analysis cycle then begins again. We are always striving to improve.

The Great Results Guarantee funding has also ensured that we can have increased access to professional learning. Teachers engaged in a twilight professional development session with a team from Brisbane in June. We spent three hours after school learning and exploring the OneSchool data tool. This application allows teacher to enter data, analyse data and track student progress across years of schooling. It enables them to really know how their students are going, and when your child moves into the next year level this information ensures that the next teacher is able to continue supporting your child to achieve the best of their ability. Our lovely teacher aides also received professional development in the last week of term 2. They attended sessions run by David, John and Judy Helmuth on teaching reading, positive behaviour management skills and accessing technology. It is very exciting to be part of a school that values ongoing professional learning in such a way.

When a teacher makes a judgement about a piece of student work they reflect on how they can help the student make improvements - it is an ongoing cycle. It is exciting to see the wealth of strategies teachers employ and I know they are happy to share these with parents to further make improvements at home. *"When researchers have looked at learning to read they've found that when parents know what's being taught at school they end up with very effective readers.....Parents who know and understand what skill was being taught today or this week can very effectively reinforce that learning at home. If parents have high expectations for the child and have the skills to attain those goals, then the child will perform much better than if they don't."* David Gillespie, Free Schools. Please see

your child's teacher and find out what is happening in their fantastic classrooms - they are doing some incredible work and if you are able to support them in the work you do each day with your child at home the improvements will happen much faster.

Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched the sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind,
and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher;
the tools he used were books, and music, and art.
One, a parent with a guiding hand,
and a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled,
with touch that was deft and sure,
While the parents laboured by his side
and polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their task was done,
they were proud of what they had wrought.
For this thing they had moulded in the child
could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed he would have failed
if he had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school
and behind the teacher, the home.

--Author Unknown--

I look forward to another highly productive term with our motivated and professional staff members. Please feel free to email me on ltank1@eq.edu.au if you have any suggestions or questions about the work we are doing.

Leigh Tankey
Learning Enhancement Coach
Agnes Water State School

'Be the change you wish to see...'



BOOK FAIR

18 August



1 August

**Wear denim and donate a gold coin (greater if you like)
for the Children's Medical Research Institute**

Purchase

Pen \$6.00

Badge \$5.00

Available at the office

Student of the Month



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Agnes Water State School P & C Assn Inc

Agnes Water State School P&C Association
is **requesting tenders**
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Agnes Water State School Telephone book Directory

- Compilation of front page cover design
- Co-ordination of advertisements in consultation with businesses
- Correlation of pages (yellow and white, inside covers, back cover)
- Account management (excluding finance)
- Printing of 500 books
- Binding optional

Tenders to quote the above by **1st August, 2014**

Tenders to close by business hours - **15th August, 5.00pm**

Addressed to The Principal

Agnes Water State School, PO Box 238

Agnes Water State School 4677

Tenders open by 18th August and successful applicants will be notified by 19th August

A story of friendship, teamwork and understanding depression told using movement and music

ARTSLINK – SARAH’S HEAVY HEART 12 AUGUST 2014

Follow Sarah on her search for love and friendship and let your heart get carried away.

Sarah’s heart is very heavy. She doesn’t know why, she just knows that it is. It’s difficult to carry, getting on the bus is tricky and it makes bath time impossible! She knows her heart will always be hers to carry, she just wished it wasn’t so heavy.

One day Sarah meets a boy who blows in with the wind. His heart is so light it carries him away. Together the new friends realise they are a perfect match. With someone to help Sarah carry her heart, she realises it’s not so heavy after all.

Adapted from Peter Carnavas’ beautiful picture book, Sarah’s Heavy Heart swells into a whimsical production filled with movement, music and life.

Students will discover a sense of emotional understanding as they empathise with Sarah and share the weight of her heavy heart.

"Curtain Up On Murder"

Friday 1st August, Saturday 2nd August at 6:30pm & Sunday 3rd August 1:00pm.
\$10 Adult, \$5 Students & Seniors.



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WARNING
CONTAINS SOME
ADULT THEMES

CURTAIN UP ON MURDER

Written by: Bettine Manktelow
Directed by: Julia Cook

Performed at the Agnes Water Community Centre

Adults: \$10
Students & Seniors: \$5

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 1ST & 2ND OF AUGUST - 6.30 P.M.
DOORS OPEN: 5:30 P.M.

Sunday - 3rd of August - 1.00 P.M.
DOORS OPEN: 12:00 NOON

Light refreshment available before performance & during interval



Tickets available
from Bendigo
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or

see Julia Cook at
the school office.