

### What's happening at AWSS

Wed 7 Mar	Secondary School Readiness Program - Day 1
Mon 12 Mar	Academic Triathlon - Mathematics
Tues 13 Mar	Twilight PD Session Teachers
Thurs 15 Mar	Year 5/6 Art & History Excursion - Bundaberg
Thurs 15 Mar	District Trials - Tennis
Fri 16 Mar	Moz's Monster Music Mix - School Performance Tours
Fri 16 Mar	Nominations for UNSW competitions close.
Mon 19 - Fri 23 Mar	Parent Teacher Meetings
Mon 19 Mar	P&C AGM
Tues 20 Mar	Prep Jeannie Baker Excursion
Wed 21 Mar	AFL District Boys Competition
Thurs 22 Mar	Final day of swimming for Year 1 - 3
Fri 23 Mar	Final day of sport for Year 4 - 6
Fri 23 Mar	Trivia Night (Proposed Date)
Fri 23 Mar	Student Council Meeting
Thurs 29 Mar	Cross Country (Morning)
Thurs 29 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade (Afternoon)
Fri 30 Mar - Mon 16 Apr	Easter Vacation
Tues 17 Apr	Term 2 commences
Tues 8 May	UNSW Digital Tech Competition
Tues 15 May	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
Wed 16 May	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
Thurs 17 May	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
Tues 22 May	Interschool Chess Comp
Tues 22 May	Secondary School Readiness Program - Day 2
Tues 29 May	UNSW Science Competition
Thurs 31 May	Bundaberg Show Holiday - School Closed
Wed 13 June	UNSW Spelling Competition
27/28 June	Athletics Carnival

### Congratulations House Captains & Student Leaders

A huge congratulations to our newest student leaders, Che Impey and Marleigh Ward-Allen who join our student leadership team. Both students are very deserving of their new roles. Our student leadership selection process will continue throughout the year for Year 6 students.

Our 2018 House Captains have also been appointed this week, with a very strong competition for House Captains. Congratulations to;

#### Sharks

Amanda Ray & Lachlan Buchanan

#### Stingers

Alannah Arpas & Marc Smith

#### Rays

Holly Collins & Jaspar Lucht



#### CPR Awareness

Many thanks to Queensland Ambulance and volunteers from Agnes Water, for their continued work in building the skills of our students in CPR awareness.

**SCHOOL BANKING IS EVERY TUESDAY**

## *From the Principal*

*Mr Trevor Buchanan*

This term is blitzing by and the program for the next four weeks at school is going to make it go even faster. I am really pleased to say that our little ones have started to settle in nicely into our school routines and are becoming more confident around our school. It is amazing to see how much our Prep's have grown already in the last six weeks. Prep's are now able to go to the waiting tree at the end of the afternoon if parents are collecting them from school. Parents are also welcome to be at the classroom just before the end of the day to collect children from the room if they wish. I am also highly impressed with the behaviours demonstrated in our Upper School this year. Upper Primary is often the space where challenging behaviours occur, but this year, our students have really stepped up in their responsibility and we are seeing a very settled group of students, working hard in the classroom and playing respectfully across the school.

Week 7 is a very busy week in our school for staff. Mrs Helen Young, Mrs Lisa Scott and Mrs Angie Draheim will be representing Queensland at the National Dragon Boat championships for the entire week. Mrs Jenny Boyd will be in the office during Mrs Young's absence. From Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 March, our leadership team will be presenting at a school leadership conference in Melbourne. Mr Stuart Lane will be the teacher in charge for this week to assist in managing day to day operations. Mr Lane will be able to assist with any urgent matters or behaviours during the four days, however any non-urgent matters will be held until my return. Mrs Marg Crowther and Mrs Sophie Peters will be covering 5/6BT and 5/6LR and HPE for these four days. On Wednesday 7 March our Year 6 students will be participating in their first Secondary School Readiness day at Rosedale. Mrs Hartley and Mrs Rupp will be supervising this program. Year 5's from Mrs Hartley's class will join the other two 5/6 classes for the day. Mr Gourlay will also be out for the 7 – 9 March. Mrs Allison Harris will take the Year 4 class for this time. Even though there is significant disruption during this week to our staffing, it will be business as usual for our students and programs across the school.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

This week parents should have received an email or hard copy letter inviting parents to make bookings for our parent teacher meetings to be held from 19 – 23 March. These meetings are an important part of our process in communicating student progress towards the achievement standards of the Australian Curriculum and general learning behaviours. If you haven't received a copy of the letter, please contact our school office and a new one will be provided. Please be aware of that the closing date for bookings is **Friday 16 March at 11:00am**.

### **P&C Association**

Our Annual General Meeting for the P&C Association will be held on Monday 19 March at 3:00pm in the staffroom. Nominations are currently being accepted for all executive positions of Treasurer, Secretary and President. Please submit any expressions of interest to our school office prior to Monday 19 March. The P&C Association is a valuable way for parents to contribute to the operation and direction of our school. Through the work of the P&C association our school has also commenced the process of air-conditioning all of our facilities. In the next few weeks we will be going to tender for air-conditioning of our Library and B Block meaning these facilities will be ready for the end of the school year.

### **Lock Down and Evacuation Procedures**

Over the last two weeks our school has undergone emergency drills for evacuation and school lock down. I was pleased with the response times and attitudes of our students during these drills. Each term we undertake one practice of each drill type to build automaticity of response and to help identify any refinements to our processes. As these drills can occur at any time, it is important that parents that are on the school site during school hours have signed in and out of the school office and are familiar with the two types of warning bells. A lock down is signified by intermittent bells over a 30 second period, while an evacuation is the continuous ringing of our bell. In the event of a lock down, parents are asked to move into their nearest classroom or office space, while our evacuation point is located under the shades on the oval.

## *From the Head of Curriculum*

*Mrs Leigh Tankey*

### **Understanding Your Child's Task Sheet**

At Agnes Water State School we teach the Australian Curriculum through the context of our lovely town and community. The concepts and topics we choose are relevant to current issues and student centred concepts – such as banning plastic bags, our family story, growing in our garden and so on. At this stage of the term you will start to see various task sheets coming home for the assessment your child has been working on. The basic format for the task sheets are the same across the whole school so that a common language can be used for everyone. All that is required of you, as parents, is to read through the task, sign it and return it to your child's teacher. Many of the tasks will only need to be completed at school, however it will be really beneficial to discuss the work with your child. Ask them to explain it to you, see if they have much of their own background knowledge about the topic. At the bottom of the task sheet are the elements from the Australian Curriculum that are being assessed in the task. In the lead up to the students doing the assessment teachers will give them many different opportunities to learn and practice. If you have any questions about how to read the Task Sheet or how to help, please do not hesitate to ask.

### **Building Resilience**

Teaching our school values of being respectful, safe, responsible and being a learner is a continual and important priority in our school. Being aware of these values and using a common language is a building block for life long skills – and for shaping behaviour in a positive way. It is essential to know that being a learner isn't just something that happens in the classroom or stops once we finish school. By being active participants in all that life offers and trying something new, students (and adults!) gain fantastic skills, build resilience and increase their capacity to cope because they have overcome the fear that was holding them back. In order to make progress at anything, we need to participate. When students are reluctant to have a go it can be because they are scared of failure or ridicule – or looking clumsy or silly. It is really valuable to not only encourage our children to try something new – but praise it when we see it in them and others – and even set the example ourselves. Wilson McCaskill, author of *Children Aren't Made of China*, states that "Too often, fearing the opinion of others, we fail to try the things that will raise the opinions of ourselves." Over the past few weeks I have seen several of our older students go through this process firsthand. They are to be commended for putting themselves in situations where they had to overcome a fear – be it public speaking during our student leadership process, or remaining calm and positive in the windy and rainy seas during a SUP lesson. The really wonderful thing was that their peers gave them support and encouragement – they recognised what their friends were experiencing and showed appreciation and compassion towards them. Keeping up communication about this with your child will help them talk about what is hindering them in their own lives as they face different situations that are bound to come up.

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

This week I am celebrating the hard work and dedication of Mrs Window. Every morning when I walk past her classroom it is buzzing with excitement - she has some lovely hands on activities set up outside for parents and children to enjoy together before they say good bye for the day, a comfy reading chair at the door that is loaded with books and little ones reading with their mum or dad, and lots of opportunity for learning through play.

Thanks for your wonderful efforts 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](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

## General News

### **Moz's Monster Mix**

On Friday 16 March, we will be hosting the school performance tour "Moz's Monster Mix". This will be for all classes from Prep to Year 6 with the school covering all costs for this program.

Moz and his best mate Pricee are determined to create a new sound for their music. Struggling to come up with something fresh they decide to explore the past starting with the music from the 16th century.

Students learn about the Baroque music of Bach and Handel and its transition into Classical. They are reminded of the different sections of the modern orchestra and the instruments used in each.

Realizing this is only the start of their journey the two explore Jazz and realize they dig the fashion as much as the music. That is until Pricee gets the Blues and falls in love with the Blues' scale with its flat third and seventh. As he explores the way that Blues musicians use and distort their new scale, Moz works with the audience and has them all enthusiastically singing a Blues call and response song.

Pricee's explanation of Rock 'n' Roll branching like a tree into different sub genres is vividly explained, as in a little over two minutes, he names and plays on his guitar a few bars of Grunge, Alternative, Noise, Psychedelic, Rockabilly, Psychobilly, Bubble Gum, Bluegrass, Kpop, Mathrock, Progressive, New Wave, Screamo, Emo, Ska, Surf, Punk and Heavy Metal!!!

### **Excursions**

A reminder that permission forms are now due for the Year 6 Secondary School Readiness program, Year 5/6 History and Arts excursion to Bundaberg and the Prep excursion to the Jeannie Baker exhibition.

### **UNSW**

Nominations for Year 3 to Year 6 for the UNSW ICAS competitions are due by Friday 16 March. Please ensure all permissions and money is returned by this date to ensure that your child does not miss out on these competitions.

### **Academic Triathlon**

The first round of the 2018 Academic Triathlon will be held on Monday 12 March at Agnes Water State School. We have 24 students from Year 4 to Year 6 competing in this year's competition. The competition is held in our hall from 10:00am to approximately 12:00pm with students participating in mental computation and problem solving rounds in teams of four. **We are seeking a few parent helpers for this day to check answers and supervise teams (you are given the answers). If you are able to assist, can you please let the office know by Friday 9 March.**

### **Bush Turkeys**

Our school's AFL team, the Bush Turkeys are into their preparations for this year's district competition. On Wednesday 21 March our boys' team will be competing in Bundaberg for a chance to compete in the regional competition. Our girls' team will compete in early Term Two with dates still to be advised. Boys that have been training with Mr Gourlay will be provided permission forms and additional information over the next few days.

### **Cross Country and Easter Bonnet Parade**

Our last day of Term 1, Thursday 29 March, is planned to be a very exciting day with our annual Cross Country being held in the morning from 9:00am to 11:00am. Students have commenced their training for the Cross Country during HPE and in their individual classes. For most of our students in Year 3 to Year 6, part of their course is outside of the school grounds, travelling on the footpath down Donohue Drive to the Police Station, up to the Skate Park and then back into the school. During the next few weeks, students will walk this course with their classes, but regular course training will only be held in the school grounds.

During the afternoon session we will also hold an Easter Bonnet parade for our Prep to Year 3 students in our hall. Final details for these two events will be provided closer to the days.

# 2018 school calendar

## Queensland state schools



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  School terms
   State school holidays
   Public holidays
   Staff professional development/student free day

There are 197 school days in 2018.

Semester 1 2019 commences for teachers on January 24 and for students on January 29.

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 18, 19, April 11, 12, 13, 16 and October 22. Schools are able to decide when they undertake the required hours for professional development for the flexible days, as long as they are on the flexible days, in the school holidays or out of school hours.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Queensland public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.

Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

### FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

November 16 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 30 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on December 7.

*The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (June 2017) but may be subject to change.*

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit

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