



AGNES WATER STATE SCHOOL

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ACADEMIC TRIATHLON

The first round of the Academic Triathlon was held on the last day of Term 1. The Mathematics round saw 12 teams from Agnes Water, Winfield, Rosedale and Discovery Christian College compete in rounds of problem solving and mental computation. I am very proud of our Agnes Water Students. Our teams came 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th overall.



Celebrating 25 Years of Education in Agnes Water

Did you know that 2015 is Agnes Water State School's 25th Birthday. We will be celebrating 25 Years of education in Term Four. We are seeking any old photos of the school and interesting stories from ex-students. If you have any history of this school could you please send it electronically to principal@agnewatess.eq.edu.au.

If photos could be scanned and sent, or send this in as a hard copy and we will scan these for you and return.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Fri 1 May	P&C Meet & Greet DC Sport & Rec
Tue 5 May	District Cross Country
Wed 6 May	Yr 5/6 Girls AFL - Bundaberg
Wed 6 May	Mothers Day Stall
Thurs 7 May	Mothers Day Stall
Fri 8 May	P&C Meet & Greet CC Sport & Rec
Tue 12 May	NAPLAN – Language & Writing
Wed 13 May	NAPLAN – Reading
Thurs 14 May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Fri 15 May	Transition day 2 for Kindy - Under 8's Day
Mon 18 May	P&C Meeting – Library 4:00pm
Tues 19 May	Keppock High School visiting
Mon 25 May	World of Maths
Tue 26 May	World of Maths
Tue 26 May	Interschool Chess Competition
Thur 28 May	Show Holiday
Mon 1 June	Readers Cup – Year 6
1-3 June	School Audit
Wed 3 June	UNSW Science
Mon 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15-17 June	School Review
Mon 15 June	P&C Meeting – Library 4:00pm
Tues 16 June	UNSW Spelling
Wed 17 June	UNSW Writing
Thurs 18 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 19 June	Athletics Carnival
Wed 24 June	Academic Triathlon Round 2
Thurs 25 June	Report Cards sent home
Fri 26 June	Last day of term and celebration activities.



UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop hours

Tuesday 8:30 – 9:00

Thursday 2:30 – 3:00

From the Principal

Welcome back to a very exciting and busy Term Two. For our school, this term is about consolidation of our priorities from Term One, reviewing our whole of school practices and ensuring consistency in our reporting processes.

Our school will undergo a School Audit and School Review this term. Our Audit will be held from the 1 – 3 June. The Audit examines our financial, human resource and workplace health and safety management, and recommends processes to strengthen our accountability. Our Review will be held from 15 – 17 June. The Review analyses our teaching practices and associated policies and procedures. This helps to ensure that our school provides the same level of curriculum and expectations as other schools across the state. These two periods of time will be very busy for all of our staff. Parents are asked to please be considerate of the work demands of staff during these two times.

Today our school commemorated ANZAC Day at our school service. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the morning. Our Year 6 students did a fantastic job in running the parade and I am very proud of the way they spoke and presented themselves. Tomorrow our school is invited to participate in the ANZAC Day services. Our school captains will represent us at the Dawn Service with a short reading and laying of the wreath. The remainder of our school is encouraged to join in the street march assembling at the Agnes Water Tavern at 9:15am for a 9:45am step off. Students are to be in full school uniform (not sport shirts) with a hat, sunscreen and waterbottle. The march will travel to the Cenotaph where a service will be held and conclude at approximately 11:00am. Various school staff will be at each event.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and Year 5 will be held on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13

May and Thursday 14 May. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 who are absent on one of these days will have the opportunity to sit missed tests on Friday 15 May.

It is important that students are well rested, have a good breakfast and are on time for each of these tests.

The tests are held in the morning session on each day with testing being finished before first break. To assist in providing a quiet work environment for all students, the Year 4 students from 3/4M and 4J will be operating from the library during the testing period.

NAPLAN is one of several ways that our school identifies student achievement and trends in performance. As a school, we look at student achievement as an “On Balance” judgement across a range of assessment types.

Individual student results for NAPLAN are normally released at the end of Term 3 or early Term 4.

Code of Dress

As the weather begins to cool, it is important to revisit our Code of Dress and remind families of our expectations. Our school colours are sky and navy blue, apart from our house shirts. To date I have been extremely impressed with the efforts taken by families and students to ensure they conform to our code of dress and show pride in our school. Currently our Code of Dress is under review to ensure clarity around appropriate dress for cooler months of the year. Please be aware that it is intended to add in the following items for our Code of Dress:

- Navy Blue tracksuits bottoms and top
- School Jackets
- Navy pants
- Blue, Black or White stockings

- Senior Shirts

Please be aware that denim and clothing of other colours will not be accepted as a part of our school uniform. As part of our Code of Dress, families and students are reminded that the only jewellery that can be worn is a watch, a single set of small sleeper or stud earrings, medical alert bracelets or a significant religious or cultural item with notification to school administration. Further, it is important that students with long hair, boys and girls, have it tied back, plaited or braided.

Walk-a-thon

Many thanks to our community for getting behind our Walk-a-thon. This year we raised just short of \$4000, which is \$500 more than last year with 30 less students. Congratulations to Year 4J who were the highest fund raisers in the school and Gemma Owen who was the highest individual raiser. The funds raised from activities like this are important contribution to our P&C Association who annually help fund literacy and numeracy programs, asset replacements and a range of new projects. The P&C have already committed to \$10 000 of support this semester ensuring we have access to Reading Eggs, Mathletics and several facility improvements. Our P&C have begun long term planning with close to \$40 000 worth of projects identified in the next 18 months.

Resources Wanted

The Year 3/4M class are seeking shoe boxes or other small boxes to assist with a technology task, where students are designing letterboxes. Boxes are needed by the end of week 4 of this term.

Transition into Prep

Our first transition day at the end of Term 1 was a fantastic morning with 18 Kindy aged children joining in for a morning session. We will be

holding our second transition day on Friday 15 May 2015.

The 15 May is our Under 8's Day and Kindy Aged children from the community and younger siblings from the school are invited to join us from 9:00am to 11:00am for a morning of fun filled activities on our oval. Children need to bring their hats, waterbottle, own morning tea and must be accompanied by a parent for the morning.

School administration staff will be available over the course of the meeting to meet with parents to discuss the opportunities of Prep and enrolling at Agnes Water State School in 2016.

From the Head of Curriculum

Welcome back to an exciting term of learning. Over the course of this term we have many exciting opportunities for both staff and students to continue to learn and grow.

Professional Development

One of the greatest forms of professional development that teachers can participate in is moderation. In week 10 last term teachers brought marked samples of student work to a meeting, held professional conversations about the standards evident within the work, and were able reach agreement on the judgements made. These types of professional conversations ensure consistency within our school. For example a piece of work given a C standard in one year 2 class would still be given the same standard in another year 2 class within our school. When making judgments about student work our teachers rely on the achievement standards from the Australian Curriculum. These were explained in the last newsletter. In conjunction with the achievement standards teachers use Standard Elaborations to provide clarity about exactly what it is the student has demonstrated.



We are also very excited to be holding our next twilight PD next Tuesday. Schools from around the area have been invited to join us as we receive further development on implementing the Australian Curriculum with the project officer from The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

Continuing Explanation of the Australian Curriculum for Parents - from ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority)

What are Standard Elaborations? These are grading guides that have been developed by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. (QCAA) They give teachers the language to use in report cards when describing the level of achievement your child has attained. For example if a year 3 student receives a D standard for a piece of work in English, the standard elaboration could read "Student was able to identify text structure in a text." If they produced an A standard work sample it could read "Student was able to give a considered explanation of how text structures are used for different purposes." It ensures that when we assess students we can give them feedback about what it is they have done well and also allows for advice about specific improvement. This is the sort of language that will be used in the report cards you will receive at the end of this term.

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

This week I am celebrating the dedication and tireless efforts of Mrs Marilyn Window in year 1/2. Each morning students participate in focussed English rotations covering a wide range of literacy experiences. The morning begins with an explicit lesson in reading, writing, spelling or oral language. The students are given opportunity to practice this learning in their group work with each ability level being catered for. Students also

work independently in structured activities and are thoroughly enjoying such a wide variety of learning experiences.



Please share what you see as you walk around our lovely school...email me at ltank1@eq.edu.au so we can keep ensuring that our children flourish.

Yours in Education,

Mrs Leigh Tankey

Soccer

Where:

Captain Creek Sport & Rec
Murphy Road

Time:

Tuesdays 3.30 – 5pm
Children 5-12yrs

Free for all, bring your shoes and a smile!

Enquiries Ph Mandy

Australian Early Development Census

What is the AEDC?

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don't need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers' individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

In communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit [the AEDC website](#).

TENNIS NEWS

Boys who travelled to Bundaberg to compete in school tennis below



Girls who competed were Tilly Gourlay, Ella Rupp & Haydon Grave. All students were challenged and played extremely well with Tilly making the Bundaberg Team. Tilly will play a 2 day competition in Hervey Bay next month with the team. Good luck Tilly



Tennis classes before/after school with Angie Draheim start next week for 8 weeks. Cost is \$80.00. Further details contact Angie 0409 971 401.



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Agnes Water State School P & C Assn Inc

P & C News



Mother's Day Stalls

This year the P&C are having local stalls come in with a range of items for both children and Father's to purchase.

Handmade items will range from \$2 to \$10

Stalls will be located in the School hall

When: Wednesday 6th May & Thursday 7th May

From : 1.30 to 2.30pm

So come on Kids and Dads

Get something special for Mum this year

Evening Meet and Greet

An information and feedback sessions for all members of the community, come and have a chat with the P & C and find out about our goals and events for this coming year.

Discovery Coast Sport and Recreation Club (Anderson way)

Friday May 1st from 5.30 to 6.30 pm

Captain Creek Sport and Recreation Club (Murphy Rd)

8th May from 5.30 to 6.30pm

Looking for interest



The P & C Association are considering having a bake sale for the 1770 Festival. If you would like to help bake or volunteer, or have any suggestions please contact – Anita Radford on 0414932381.

Tuckshop News

Winter is Coming !!

A Winter Tuckshop Menu will be available From May 1st



New Menu Items include

- Jacket Potatoes with choice of filling
- Bacon & Egg Wraps or Muffins
- Homemade Pumpkin or Chicken Noodle Soup

Uniform Shop

School Jacket Pre-orders

Taking orders for school jumpers. We have limited stock in some sizes so if you would like a jumper this winter please place a pre-order .

School emblem jacket \$30.00

Closing date Friday April 29th

There are a few second hand jumpers available sizes 10 to 14 for \$10 each

Do you have uniforms that your children have outgrown?

Drop them off at the Uniform shop (next to the prep block) or at School office.

Uniform Shop hours Tuesday 8.30 to 9am

Thursday 2.30 to 3pm

Thank you to our outgoing Secretary Ms **Chrissy Jackholme** for her dedication and hard work for 2013 and 2014.

Facebook Page

Like the P&C Facebook page to be kept up to date posts on events

Agnes Water State School
P&C

Would you like to Volunteer in Tuckshop?

Come along and make some new friends, have a laugh and a cuppa.

Dear Parents and Carers.

Agnes Water Tuckshop relies on the generosity of volunteers to make it a success. Each year we lose some of our dedicated helpers, due to children moving to high school or parents going back to work, so to make the load lighter for our volunteers we need as many helpers as we can get - mums, dads, and grandparents. (NB: non-parent volunteers (i.e. grandparents) will need to have a current Blue Card (free for volunteers) before commencing at Tuckshop.)

Tuckshop days are Wednesday to Friday and "normal" volunteer hours are 9.00am - 1.30pm. To say "Thank-you" we provide Morning Tea and Lunch on your rostered day. For health and safety reasons we require volunteers to sign-in at the office & in Tuckshop, wear closed in shoes, wear clean & comfortable clothing and tie back long hair. If all of this appeals to you and you are able to help please fill in the form below and return it to the office or direct to Tuckshop.

Thanks

Debbie Ahern
Tuckshop Convenor
Agnes Water State School
Ph: 49749527



AWSS Tuckshop Volunteer Form

Volunteer Name:.....

Relationship to student:

Phone:..... Mobile:.....

Student's Name:..... Class:.....

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Student's Name:..... Class:.....

Please circle your preferences below:

Preferred Day: Wednesday Thursday Friday

Frequency: Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

Other - Please Specify:



Agnes Water State School P & C Assn Inc

PRE ORDER UNIFORM FORM – WINTER JACKET

Please return pre order to the school as soon as possible

Winter Jacket – full zip, polar fleece with school logo

Price: \$30.00

Student Name..... Class.....

SIZE	4	6	8	10	12	14
QUANTITY						

ADULT OTHER:

PAYMENT

**Via Bank Transfer - Agnes Water P & C Assn
BSB 633-000**

Or cash

2015 school calendar Queensland state schools

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There are 195 school days in 2015. Semester 1 2015 commences for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 22 and 23, and October 19, with three additional flexible days. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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 20 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 27 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 4.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 11.

In 2016, all state schools will re-open for students on January 25.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (August 2014) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.

And a plan for the future.

