



# AGNES WATER STATE SCHOOL

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## Under 8's Day



Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
Sat 23 May	1770 Festival
Sun 24 May	1770 Festival
Mon 25 May	World of Maths
Tue 26 May	World of Maths
Tue 26 May	Interschool Chess Competition
Wed 27 May	Regional Principal Meeting
Thurs 28 May	Show Holiday
Mon 1 June	Readers Cup – Year 6
3-5 June	School Audit
Wed 3 June	Year 5/6 Girls at Childers: AFL
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.



## Celebrating 25 Years of Education in Agnes Water

Did you know that 2015 is Agnes Water State School's 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget school banking is every Tuesday.



## UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop hours

Tuesday 8:30 – 8:50

Thursday 2:30 – 3:00

## **From the Principal**

It is really appreciated the efforts families are going to at the moment to ensure that their children are in the correct school uniform, especially jumpers and pants. We are finding a lot of jumpers though each day around the school without names on them. It is really important for names to be on all items that students bring to school including lunch boxes so that if found they can be returned. On parade today, I spoke to the students about the number of toys that have been coming into the school recently. Students shouldn't be bringing any toys to school, unless it is part of a specific classroom project such as a technology investigation. Within our oral language programs, we have moved away from general "show and tell" to purposeful oral language programs that focus on communication skills with a set focus. Even within Kindy, general show and tell is avoided with support for children in developing structured and purposeful retells of events and activities. One great example of a structured oral language presentation that I had the chance to see this week, was in the Year 1H classroom. Through science and technology students had been looking at the concept of absorption. Students presented a short 1 minute demonstration of products from home that were absorbent and items that were water proof. This oral language in context with purpose is a critical component of our school's direction to enhancing oral language skills in students.

During the week I had the opportunity to again celebrate the many great achievements of our students. Within the school it has been wonderful to continually present weekly reading awards, with many students now reaching 75 nights of continuous reading. I have also had the chance to start presenting awards to students for achievement in our Sight Words. Our school has an agreed sight word program to help build the reading rate of students in our early years. These words come from the program Magic 100 Words. Over the first three to four years of schooling, students will engage in rapid naming of up to 300 of the most common words used in written texts. This program is covered at school and forms an important part of our students weekly reading at home. Each student is provided with a sight word book to study and practice. Students who demonstrate mastery in a level of words (multiple demonstrations of recall out of sequence), move onto

the next level and are presented with a certificate for their achievement.

If your child is in Prep to Year 2 and you haven't seen this program come home yet, don't worry. Each class is rolling this program out over the term and identifying where individual students are currently operating.

As a school, our students have been commended for their behaviours and enthusiasm for participation. This was again reinforced yesterday where our Prep to Year 2/3 class and Year 6's participated in a program with the Queensland Ambulance Service. The students were congratulated on their behaviour, listening skills and participation. This is fantastic to see and is a reflection of the expectations we are building in the school.

I am very proud of the efforts of our students and teachers, and the continual push to achieve great outcomes in this school. This continual move forward and focus on the positive is enabling our school to now start targeting smaller behaviours and expectations such as nail polish and jewellery. It is a reminder that our Code of Dress outlines that coloured nail polish is not permitted, nor is the wearing of bracelets and necklaces unless a medical or documented significant religious reason. Parental assistance in reinforcing this is greatly appreciated.

### **NAPLAN**



Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students on their efforts in the recent NAPLAN. Our Year 3 & 5 students had the chance to fill their bellies with pancakes each morning before the testing. Thanks to Mrs Young and Mrs Martin for helping to serve.

NAPLAN is one small part of building a profile of achievement for our students, with a specific focus on Literacy and Numeracy. As a Principal, I recognise that not everyone flourishes in these areas and that they excel in other areas such as The Arts or Sciences. As long as students are perseverant, and give it their best, I will always be proud of their achievements.

Our NAPLAN results will be released in approximately September.

## 1770 Festival



Thanks to the design of our Year 6's and efforts of Mrs Hartley creating a wonderful art piece for the Large Canvas section of the Festival Art Show.

Our P&C are supporting the festival this year by participating in the parade at 9:00am tomorrow, starting at the Marina. We are looking for students to participate in this activity with P&C Association. We also have our Choir participating in their first public performance at the Festival, singing the National Anthem with Mr Henson.

## World of Maths

On Monday 25 May and Tuesday 26 May our Prep to Year 6 students will be participating in an interactive problem solving program through World of Maths. Due to the value of this program our school has decided to cover the cost of participation for all students ensuring full inclusion. Our Year 3/4M to Year 6 classes will participate on Monday, while Prep to Year 2/3S will attend on Tuesday.

## Chess

Good luck to the Year 5 & 6 students who will be representing our school at the Interschool Chess Tournament on Tuesday 26 May at Walkervale State School. Thanks to Mrs Tankey for her hard work in running programs during lunch breaks for these students.

## Readers Cup

We have eight Year Six students representing our school on Monday 1 June at Hervey Bay for the

Regional Readers Cup. These students have been diligently reading and analysing 4 novels and 1 picture book since last term and will go up against 20 other schools in a 2 hour competition. Good luck to these students.

## News from our Head of Curriculum

Last Friday morning our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Under Eight's day. Parents and children were able to participate in a wide variety of fun activities on our beautiful school oval. A very big thank you to our local police, fire men and ambulance for providing access to their vehicles – lots of smiles as they used the big fire hoses and heard the sirens. We had a magnificent card board city, lantern spraying, volcano eruptions, music in the trees, sensory painting (lots of goo!), reading on the rug, bubble chasing, master chef biscuit decorating and some energising parachute play! By engaging in so many forms of play children are given opportunity to be imaginative and creative. It encourages them to communicate ideas, feelings and experiences. If you would like ideas that you can do at home, or the recipe for the goo, please let me know. A massive thanks to the team (our volunteers, parents, aides, teachers, Mary Poppins and our grounds-person Gerry) that pulled the day together – the little touches made a world of difference, and the smiles on our children's faces are worth every minute.



## Professional Development

Staff at our school continue to develop their own professional learning in a wide variety of ways. Over the past month teachers and teacher aides have

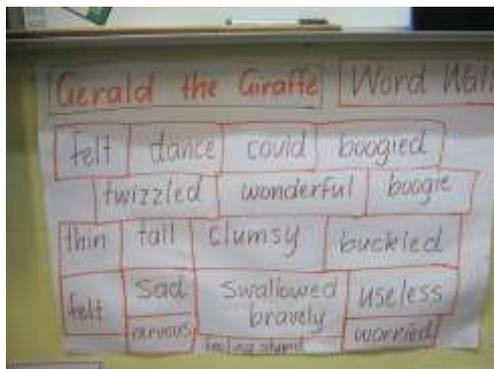
engaged in teaching reading workshops, on line webinars about how to use technology to enhance learning and even work shadowing teachers from other schools. Our dedicated staff are to be commended for their consistent approaches to ongoing learning.

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

As well as using our eight learning areas as discussed in the last newsletter (English, Mathematics, Science, History, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts, Technologies and Health and Physical Education), teachers also use GENERAL CAPABILITIES to ensure that the curriculum is rich and meaningful. There are seven capabilities that describe the relevant knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions at particular points of schooling. The seven general capabilities are literacy, numeracy, information and communication technology, critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability, ethical understanding and intercultural understanding.

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

This week I am celebrating the dedication and efforts of Mrs Cathy Hancock – teacher of our lovely year one students. Students in this class are always immersed in rich language experiences and are developing some great literacy skills. Through a wide variety of teaching strategies Mrs Hancock ensures that learning is relevant and fun. The vocabulary these children have used to describe characters in stories like Gerald the Giraffe is very inspiring. If you get a chance be sure to stop by and see what amazing things are happening.



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

Yours in Education,

Mrs Leigh Tankey

### **Bush Turkeys on the rampage!**

Agnes Water State School Girls Progress to Wide Bay AFL Final

An excited squad of thirty one Year 5 and 6 students from Agnes Water State School travelled to St Luke’s Anglican School in Bundaberg to compete in the annual Brisbane Lions Cup. The girls had trained hard at lunch times and during Friday afternoon practice matches in readiness for the big day of Australian Rules football. The squad was broken up into two teams, with the A team playing for a chance to represent the Bundaberg region in the Wide Bay championships and the B team displaying their skills under the tutelage of Rugby League convert Mr Stuart Lane. First up the A team played Walkervale State School and it was obvious from the first bounce that the Turkeys were not here just to scratch around! They let fly with a barrage of goals, including two each from the highly elusive small forward Ebony Wheeler and Matilda Gourlay, who barged through the packs like a bulldozer with brute force. Pocket rocket Hannah Newsome and the two speed queens Ella Rupp and Luca Doble chipped in with a goal each to put the game well out of reach for Walkervale. The Bush Turkey’s defence, led by the highly intimidating Annabell Kennedy, were ruthless and miserly; not allowing the Walkervale forwards a sniff of the football. Hayley Shurte was a tackling machine, whilst Anisha Millar’s kicking to position was a treat for the Bush Turkey supporters, who by now were very vocal in support of our girls. The mid field duo of Taylah

Possee and Clementine Morphett caused double trouble for the opposition, with their relentless tackling pressure and constant supply to our power forwards Kaylee Boyce and captain courageous Haydon Grave, who wreaked havoc down deep in the forward line. In the end the Agnes Water Bush Turkeys ran away with the game by kicking 7.1.43 to Walkervale State School 0.0.0.



#### B TEAM CHAMPIONS

FRONT: Aleigha Millar, Haylee Melouney, Jasmin Swinkels, Violetrose Horbushko.,

BACK: Madelynn Hartig, Isabelle McIntosh, Demi Swinkels, Ebony Cooper, Karly Kapetanakis, Abbie Burton, Katie Howard, Lily Wilkinson, Elizabeth Lawson. Absent: Eve Wakefield



Game two was against the host team and traditional arch rivals St Luke's. Despite the home ground advantage and Luca Doble accidentally running with the ball and kicking it the wrong way, much to the delight of the opposition coach, the Turkeys got on top of the under sieged St Luke's girls, with inspirational captain

and power forward Haydon Grave kicking two goals, one of which was contender for goal of the year. The tackling pressure was immense, with our dynamic School Captain Trinity Johnson, Bailey Jackholme and Amy Severson playing like demons. In the end the defensive pressure kept St Luke's scoreless, with the girls running out winners by 16 points. The next two games were close encounters with the Turkeys defeating Moore Park and Burnett Heads. By this stage Agnes Water was the only undefeated team and it came down to the last game against Gin Gin State School to decide the eventual winner of the competition. Unfortunately the game didn't start well for our girls, who got caught out of position and Gin Gin soon had a goal on the board. Despite this initial setback the girls dominated the rest of the game but failed to make the most of their opportunities on the scoreboard, with some inaccurate kicking for goal. Gin Gin eventually won a close encounter by two points. Despite the loss Agnes Water was crowned joint winners along with Gin Gin and they will be representing Bundaberg in the Wide Bay regionals on the 3rd June. Go Bush Turkeys!

Richard Gourlay Class Teacher Agnes Water State School





## QUEENSLAND POLICE POSTER COMPETITION

Your kids are telling you...

Police Minister Jo-Ann Miller, Road Safety Minister Mark Bailey and Acting Assistant Commissioner Mike Keating of Road Policing Command has launched the 'Your kids are telling you...' campaign.

Queensland Police are searching for the masterpieces of Queensland's budding young artists that will feature as part of a new social media road safety campaign aimed at curbing their parent's bad driving habits.

Police Minister Jo-Ann Miller said the 'Your kids are telling you...' campaign would tap into the unique and frank way that children often unintentionally call out their parents' bad behaviour.

There are two categories – Prep to Year 3 and Year 4 to Year 6 – and the posters can be about any aspect of road safety.

There will be five winning posters from each category and they will form part of the campaign which will run on the QPS Facebook and Twitter accounts during the winter school holidays.

The deadline for submissions is 5pm June 19.

Simply go to the website:

<http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/blog/2015/05/20/your-kids-are-telling-you/> and fill in the submission, select your age group and attach a scanned image or photo of your poster.

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### Casual Relief Cleaner Required

Agnes Water State School is seeking expressions of interest for a Casual Relief Cleaner. Please email an electronic copy of your CV along with a copy of your current Working with Children Check to

## 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

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### AWSS Tuckshop Volunteer Form

Volunteer Name:.....

Relationship to student: .....

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

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

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**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**