



AGNES WATER STATE SCHOOL

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Pathways to Success

The Year 2/3 class have commenced individual learning contracts in Mathematics. This one way that our school contributes to higher levels of engagement and student achievement.



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 8 May	P&C Meet & Greet CC Sport & Rec 5:30 – 6:30pm
Tue 12 May	NAPLAN – Language & Writing
Tue 12 May	Assistant Regional Director Visiting
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	Kepnock High School visiting
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.

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

Go Agnes Go. Not only is our school leading the charge this year in academic competitions, but our performance on the sporting field is also one to be reckoned with. Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls were exceptional in their performance at Wednesday's AFL Gala Day and have been selected to proceed into the next round of competition at Childers on the 3 June. This is on top of the individual achievements of our students and selection for school and district sports.

I am very proud of the progress of our students and the difference they are making to our school this year. This is happening right from our youngest classes. On Thursday our Prep's celebrated their Mothers and a few of our lucky staff with a pamper morning and a beautiful performance. Our Year 4 girls were acknowledged on parade last Friday for their inclusivity and leadership in play with younger year levels and our Year 1 and 2 students are making great leaps in their reading, writing and spelling. It is wonderful as a Principal to have the opportunity to acknowledge these great positives that are occurring across our school and being able to see on a daily basis the continual focus on improvement by staff and students.

Our Teachers aren't the only ones driving expectations for students and using current research to support student achievement. Our Teacher Aides have been pedal to the metal this term in building their own skills in literacy intervention and delivering targeted support programs. This commitment by all staff to drive student achievement is greatly appreciated and is a key step in establishing our school as a high performing school.

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.

Mother's Day Stall

Many thanks to the P&C Association for their organisation of this year's Mother's Day Stall. It was wonderful to see the community involved in our stall and the quality of gifts that were able to be purchased was exceptional. Happy Mother's Day to all of the wonderful Mothers, we hope you have a lovely Sunday.

Congratulations

A very special congratulations to our Prep T Teacher, Miss Tooker who is pregnant with her first child. This is an exciting time for her family and our staff wish her all of the very best for this new chapter in her life. Presently, Miss Tooker will be on leave during Term Four of this year. It is likely that Mrs Karen Hartley will take this class for this period of time.

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.

Under 8's Day

Friday 15 May is our Under 8's Day. Our **Prep to Year Two** students will join with our local Kindy and other children in our community in a celebration of learning in the Early Years. The program will run from 9:00am to 11:00am on our ovals. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join with us for this exciting morning.

District Golf

Last term, Kaden Winzar was chosen to represent Bundaberg at the Wide Bay Golf selection trials. Kaden travelled to Maryborough to compete against other under 13 year old boys for one of only 4 positions in the Wide Bay team. Kaden reported that he played "pretty good" on the day, coming third in his group, but missing out on a place to compete at the next level. This is the second year in a row that Kaden has been selected for the Bundaberg team, and he has no plans to give up, Kaden often competes against the adults at the Town of 1770 Golf Course in their Friday and Saturday competitions.

Building Consistency in word attack

Did you know our school has a standardised approach to Word Attack? Word attack is the steps that we take to decode new or unfamiliar words and read them correctly. In our Early Years classrooms we teach these strategies explicitly and use these as verbal and visual prompts when students encounter challenging words. As students progress through year levels they are encouraged to use these strategies independently. A copy of the bookmark used with students is included in the newsletter today.



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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 principal@agnewatess.eq.edu.au.

From the Head of Curriculum

What an exciting fortnight of learning we have had. The members of the Chess Team have been busy trying out new strategies and moves in preparation for the inter-school chess tournament in week 6. The year 5 students have been learning about how a classroom is like a community - and how the choices we make can influence this community, and the hard working preps have been learning how to celebrate the value of the work our mothers do. What an important lesson for these children to learn at this young age - how to appreciate someone through acts of kindness. Every teacher values every minute we have with your children to make a difference to their learning.



Professional Development

Last Tuesday from 3pm – 6pm our school hosted some extremely valuable professional development for all teachers in our cluster. Over 30 teachers attended, and the professional conversations and learning that occurred was tremendous. Caroline Hollis, Senior Project Officer from the QCAA, was extremely impressed by the observations she made about the level of commitment our teachers showed towards ensuring that they delivered the highest quality curriculum for our students. Teachers are looking forward to working together to plan and moderate between schools.

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

Have you ever wondered how we make the decisions about what we teach in our classrooms? The Australian Curriculum contains eight learning areas. These learning areas are English, Mathematics, Science, History, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts, Technologies and Health and Physical Education. Each learning area

focuses on content that specifies what all young people should be taught. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority also recommends the time allocations we need to give to each learning area.

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

This week I am celebrating the dedication and tireless efforts of Mrs Swan (Ibu Swan) – our enthusiastic Indonesian teacher. Students engage in learning with a real purpose – they interact with students from Indonesia, and our year 5 and 6 students are currently making a mini-documentary in Indonesian about themselves to share. Our younger students engage in singing, chanting, action and movement in order to understand the similarities and differences between our cultures. Mrs Swan is committed to ensuring learning is meaningful, relevant and fun for our children. Ask your child to teach you something new in Indonesian today.



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

When reading...

<p>Eagle Eye</p> 	<p>Look at the pictures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at the picture for clues.
<p>Lips the Fish</p> 	<p>Get your lips ready</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say first sounds. Read and say it again.
<p>Stretchy Snake</p> 	<p>Stretch it out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stretch out the word slowly. Put sounds together.
<p>Chunky Monkey</p> 	<p>Chunk the Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for word chunks (at, an). Look for a word part (ing, er).
<p>Shippy Frog</p> 	<p>Skip It, Skip It</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skip the word. Read to the end. Hop back and READ IT, READ IT!
<p>Tryin' Lion</p> 	<p>Try it again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to reread. Try a word that makes sense.
<p>Flippy Dolphin</p> 	<p>Flip the vowel sound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try the other vowel sound. Flip a short vowel for a long vowel sound.
<p>Punctuation Parrot</p> 	<p>Pay attention to Punctuation!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pause at commas. Stop at full stops. Get louder at exclamation marks.

I comprehend when I...

<p>Activate Prior Knowledge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use what I already know to help understand something new.
<p>Make Connections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make connections between different things that I read <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text to text Text to self Text to world.
<p>Predict</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a smart guess about what's going to happen next.
<p>Question</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wonder before, during, and after reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
<p>Visualise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See pictures like a movie in my head.
<p>Identify main/important ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sort out the key ideas (the main idea is the author's message).
<p>Infer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figure out what it really means from clues in the text.
<p>Summarise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell what's important and retell what happened in the story so far.
<p>Synthesise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put the pieces together to see them in a new way.
<p>Reflect/ Evaluate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make judgements about what I read and explain why.

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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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

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