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World of Maths

Last week all of our students were involved in a series of problem solving challenges with the support of World of Maths. The cost of these activities were fully covered by our school to ensure full participation.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Wed 10 June	Prep Hearing Screener
Fri 12 June	PetPep Program for Prep
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
Thurs 25 June	Report Cards sent home
Fri 26 June	Last day of term and celebration activities.
Sat 27 June to Sun 12 July – Winter Vacation	
Mon 13 July	School Resumes

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget school banking is every Tuesday.



From the Principal

I find being a parent one of the most difficult, but rewarding parts of life and it has become even more so with my own children starting school. One of the hardest things has been letting go and enabling someone else to care for and develop my children. The other hard part is to be objective in dealing with issues raised by my children from school. Being a Principal in the schools that my children attend has put me in a unique situation where I often find out about situations before my children tell me and I have been able to often witness both sides of the event. An interesting observation from this, has been the sometimes unintentional exclusion of information or lack of realisation of involvement that even my own children discuss when telling me about an event that has happened.

As a parent, my first instinct is to immediately be defensive, however knowing the complexities of behaviours, that it is almost never one sided and having continually observed the often fickleness of childhood behaviours, I have to take a deep breath and remain very objective.

It is usually when I am most objective that I am able to help my children with their problems more effectively. Being calm with them, often enables us to talk through situations and usually they have the solution to the problem themselves and often want to self-resolve the issue. If I need to talk further with their teachers, then I am also prepared to look at what my own children are doing and able to support them further.

As a Principal, I find that usually the most successful resolutions to problems is when parents approach any situation from an objective position and are prepared to work with the school in developing their own child's capability, whether to resolve and prevent conflicts or improve in the classroom.

This is by no means an easy task when it comes to our own children, but something that I encourage all parents to consider when confronted by the many challenges our children present us with.

Celebration Day

Our Term 2 Celebration Day will be held on Friday 26 June. As was advertised last term, we will be holding these Celebration Days each term for a reward for

students who continue to demonstrate our school expectations. Students who have been involved in a major behavioural incident during the term will be provided a continuation of their classroom programs while other students are engaged in the celebration activities. The details for this terms celebration activities are currently being finalised and will be provided to parents in week nine.

Report Cards

Our Semester One Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday 25 June. These report cards are the formal compilation of student achievement over Semester One. It is important to remember that each Semester of Achievement is independent of previous semesters and previous results do not necessarily indicate a decrease or increase in student achievement. For example a student may obtain a "B" in maths in Semester One and obtain a "C" in maths in Semester Two. The two semesters may focus on completely different topics and use different assessment techniques and it is this difference in concept that may be the change. It is also important to remember that while we always want to encourage our children to achieve high standards, that a "C" is the required standard of achievement and students who are achieving a "C" are meeting national expectations of performance.

There is important information on the front page of the report cards for parents to read regarding the gradings that are used and subject areas that are assessed as there is a difference in Prep, 1-3 and Year 4-6.

Parents will again be provided opportunities to meet with teachers in week 9 of Term 3, however if you are concerned about your child's performance from Semester One, you are welcome to make an earlier appointment with your child's teacher in Term 3.

Audit Results

On Friday 5 June our school completed an Internal Audit from Central Office. Our school has met our department's stringent control measures and has continued to show improvement since previous audits. While we are operating satisfactorily, there are always ways for us to improve. With the help of our auditor we have identified several areas that we can continue to refine our service and enhance our controls for

continued success in an ever increasing accountability work environment. Congratulations to our office ladies who have continued to provide continuity and accountability over several changes of Principal in the last three years.

Readers Cup

Congratulations to our Year 6's; Luca, Charlie, Trinity, Clementine, Kaylee, Haydon, Ella and Matilda for their recent efforts at the Regional Readers Cup in Hervey Bay. Our two teams represented our school with a fierce competitive nature in a very tight competition. Our teams came 6th and 19th out of 25 teams in our region. Teams from as far South as Gympie were involved in this level of competition. Our students were treated to a special launch of Kathryn Apel's new novel "On Track", along with some very wise words about publishing and book writing from Kathryn. We will be participating in this competition again next year and look forward to our current Year 5's taking on this opportunity.

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June. To enhance the participation of all of our students, all field events apart from high jump (7 year olds and up) will be available for all students. Our program is also designed to enable parents to be able to join us for one of the days and be able to see their child participate in at least three different events. As this is the first time our school will be offering field events to our younger students, there has been a little flexibility programmed into our day to ensure that all events are completed.

Our carnival will open on the Thursday morning with a house march past and heats for our 200m. We will move after these heats into three rotations of field events, finishing the day with our 800m.

On Friday our day will commence with the 200m finals, sprint heats and finals and a fourth rotation of field events. We will conclude our day with ball games and relays. On both days students will be required to go first to their classrooms for roll marking prior to moving as a class to the shade sails on the oval.

In the event of wet weather this event will be moved to the Monday and Tuesday of the last week of school.

This program will be reviewed for 2016 to identify whether this can be completed in one day.

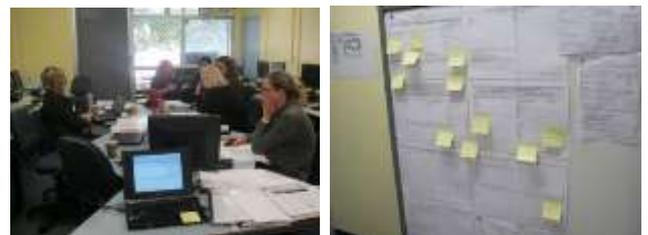
Staff Absence

It is highly unfortunate that Mrs Smith is currently on leave due to personal medical concerns and is unable to re-join our school until August. We wish Mrs Smith the very best in her recovery and look forward to seeing her return to school as quickly as possible.

News from our Head of Curriculum

Last Tuesday eight of our students represented our school at the Gardiner Chess Competition in Bundaberg. Over 120 students from various state and private schools in our region went head to head in eight chess games over the course of the day. Our lovely Agnes water students are to be commended for their sportsmanship and high standard of behaviour. Three of our students received merit awards based on points accumulated over their games. Special thanks to Mrs Kylie Rudd for kindly driving a carload of students to and from the competition. Chess Club continues to attract a lot of learners each week with more children now keen to learn the strategies that will defeat their opponent. Congratulations Chess team!

Professional Development



This week our staff have engaged in one of the best forms of professional development – planning and working together. Each classroom teacher was given half a day release time to work with a support team to plan their unit of work for your children next term. It was exciting to be involved in professional conversations about how we can build a context for learning in our classrooms that not only aligns directly to the Australian Curriculum but is relevant and meaningful to your child's learning needs and interests. In planning our units careful consideration is made about what your child has learnt, what they need to learn and how we are going to support them to get there. A big thank you to everyone involved in

these planning sessions – the dedication to continual improvement is inspiring.

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

This week I am celebrating the dedication and efforts of our lovely Office ladies – Mrs Helen Young and Mrs Jenny Boyd. They are often the first person that people contacting or visiting the school interact with. They ensure people feel welcome and valued, and can often be heard giving a child a kind word and piece of encouragement as they see them day to day. Their workload is big and varied, yet they always make time to do the little things that make our school a better place.

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

YEAR 6 STUDENTS CLEAN UP SPRINGS BEACH

On Tuesday 19th May, Year 6 went on an exciting excursion to Springs Beach with Mrs Cook, Mr Gourlay and our wonderful host, Mr Greg Millar, to pick up rubbish to preserve our beautiful ocean and wildlife, after learning about the negative impact of marine debris and pollution on our environment.

After arriving, a class full of excited Year 6's were separated into groups of six, with assigned jobs to carry out on arrival at the beach. Once on board the bus we were off to Sunrise Estate. After getting off the bus we applied sunscreen, put on our hats and set off down the timber pathway to the beach. Once down at the beach we followed the shore line to a clearing in the scrub with a wood fired barbeque and a timber park bench where we met Mr Millar. After putting down our bags, some students took the time to have a quick bite to eat, while the equipment was being handed out.

After reassembling into our five groups, we set off with groups 1, 3 and 5 collecting and recording marine debris data for the Tangaroa Blue Foundation along the northern stretch of the beach, while groups 2 and 4 worked along the southern section of the beach. After an hour and a half of hard work, five large

garbage bags were filled, with many pieces of interesting rubbish being found, including a piece of rubber that was at least three metres long. After lots of hard work we played AFL on the beach and had some lunch. While we were waiting for the barbeque we went on a bushwalk along the Red Rock Trail, which had beautiful views and a tough terrain. When we arrived back, the sausages were ready and everyone dug in, enjoying the delicious food kindly cooked by Mr Millar. After that we set off up a steep and rocky track. When we finally reached the top everyone was relieved at the sight of a slope to walk down, instead of up. When we reached the end of our walk we didn't need to wait long for the bus to arrive.

Overall the day was a great success but it couldn't have happened without the permission of the committee at Sunrise @ 1770 for allowing access to the beach and Mr Greg Millar for cooking us sausages on the wood fired barbeque. We would also like to thank Mr Russel Scifleet for kindly providing a bus free of charge to take us there and back, with special thanks to Mrs Marissa Kapetanakis for giving up her time to drive us and also Mr Gourlay for planning the excursion. A total of 1294 different items of human waste was collected with the majority of debris being foam insulation and packaging (467) and plastic bits and pieces hard and solid (179). We are now busy using footage from our excursion to enter a competition to help promote the issue of marine debris across the Great Barrier Reef run by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) using IMOVIE, which is also part of our English assessment this term.

Luca Bove and Trinity Johnson
School Captains 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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JUNIOR DRAMA GROUP

WEDNESDAY

4.30 – 5.30 pm

8 – 12 years old

Come along for some exciting drama, games and activities.

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

Agnes Water Dental

Dr. B. Kohli

Telephone number 1300 2 TREAT (1300 2 87328)

2 Rattling Ground Road,
Agnes Water, QLD 4677
Email : info@13002treat.com.au
Fax : 07 3343 5599

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:



Tuckshop News

We need some great volunteers to help with sport's day tuckshop to run the BBQ and put together all of the pre-orders

Please remember to pre-order for sports day, placing your house name instead of class.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON ABOUT SPORTS DAY

Uniform Shop

Now accepting used uniforms in good conditions.

Jumpers, shorts, skorts, sports shirts and school shirts all appreciated.

2nd hand **School logo jumpers** available for **\$10**, sizes 10 and up

Special Hours for Sports Day.

Thursday, June 18th from 8:30 to 9 am

If you need a sports shirt on the day stop by and grab one

on your way to cheer on your favourite team.

Or fill out an order form and drop off at the office.

All Sports shirts are \$22

SHARKS..... RAYS.....

STINGERS

Looking for interest

The P & C Association are looking for cake and slice donations as part of the sport day canteen menu. Please hand in any cakes or slices on the day to the Tuckshop or the canteen at the oval.

DON'T FORGET
SCHOOL BANKING
EVERY TUESDAY

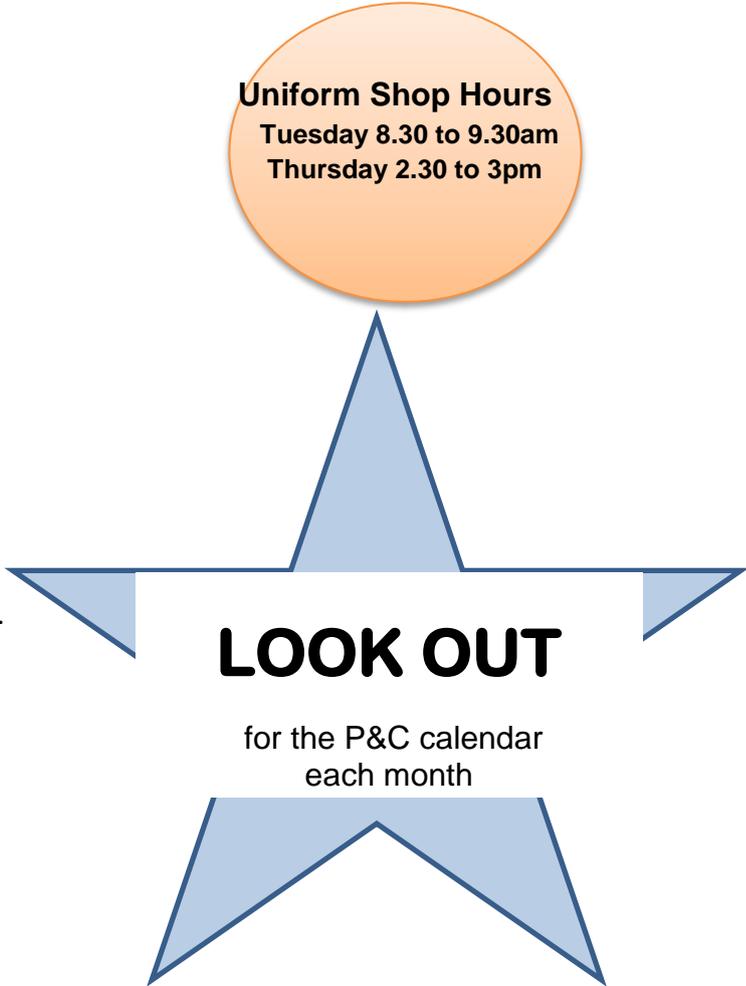
Our Parade float success

Big thankyou to all the helpers that walked in our float for 1770 festival, the hands of our community

Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday 8.30 to 9.30am

Thursday 2.30 to 3pm



LOOK OUT

for the P&C calendar
each month

Facebook Page

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

Agnes Water State School P&C

AWSS P&C Term 2

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Uniform shop 8:30 to 8:50 Newsletter deadline School Banking	3 Tuckshop	4 Tuckshop Uniform shop 2:30 to 3:00	5 Tuckshop	6
7	8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	9 Uniform shop 8:30 to 8:50 School Banking	10 Tuckshop	11 Tuckshop Uniform shop 2:30 to 3:00	12 Tuckshop Tuckshop pre orders for sports day due today!	13
14	15 P & C Monthly Meeting @ Library 4pm	16 Uniform shop 8:30 to 8:50 Newsletter deadline School Banking	17 Tuckshop - -	18 Tuckshop Uniform shop 8:30 - 9 & 2:30 - 3:00 Sports Day Field events	19 Sports day Tuckshop Sports day Track events	20
21	22	23 Uniform shop 8:30 to 8:50 School Banking	24 Tuckshop	25 Tuckshop Uniform shop 2:30 to 3:00 Disco to be confirmed.	26 Tuckshop Last day Term 2 Celebration Activities	27
28	29	30				
		Important Reminders *** There is no regular tuckshop on the Friday sports day, June 19th. Only Tuckshop from the oval canteen will be available.				