

### What's happening at AWSS

- Fri 30 Nov** Year 5 Student Leader Elections
- Wed 5 Dec** Secondary School Readiness Day  
Rosedale
- Thurs 6 Dec** Secondary School Readiness Day  
Rosedale - Smarty Pants Day.
- Mon 10 Dec** Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- Wed 12 Dec** Presentation Night
- Thurs 13 Dec** Behaviour Celebration Day, School Clean  
Up Day, Student Reports sent home
- Fri 14 Dec** Last day of school for 2018



### 2019 School Year

- Mon 21 Jan** School office reopens 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Thurs 24 Jan** Class Lists for Day 1 to Day 8 Released
- Thurs 24 Jan** Uniform shop open 9 - 12
- Thurs 24 Jan** Student Free Day
- Fri 25 Jan** Student Free Day
- Fri 25 Jan** Uniform shop open 9 - 12
- Mon 28 Jan** Australia Day Public Holiday
- Tues 29 Jan** School Commences for 2019 for all year levels.



### Tennis Court

Our tennis court has now finished its refurbishment and we will be hosting our annual tennis comp over the last remaining weeks.

The court also has a new name, "Draheim Court". Mrs Angie Draheim has been an amazing advocate for tennis in our community and supported our school to have representative teams at the Brisbane International for the last three years.

Due to the cost of repairs to the court, the court is now locked, however bookings for the court can be made by contacting our office. Parents will receive a code for the locks which will be valid for a term.



### Mural

Our Year 2/3 classes have just finalised working with local artist Ron Newley to include a stunning mural in our undercover area. Ron has worked with elders to create a story to correlate with the mural, with each student adding a handprint to the mural.

## *From the Principal*

*Mr Trevor Buchanan*

This newsletter is a difficult one to write, especially with the current challenges faced by our surrounding communities. It is a challenging and stressful time for many families, especially those in the Baffle and Deepwater areas. We currently have families and staff that have property at risk and aware of damage to properties of families of our school. Our thoughts are with these families and staff. The anxiety surrounding the unpredictability of this natural disaster is also a contributing stressor for families. Our school will continue to operate as normal as possible, while safe and families are urged to continue to monitor QFES updates and heed advice from authorities particularly over Wednesday and Thursday. There are many support services available to families, along with daily community information sessions occurring at the community hall while this fire continues to threaten the area.

I also have the sad news to share of the passing of former principal Patrick Cause. Patrick had been battling personal health issues over the last few years and it is with sadness that he passed away on Monday 26 November. Patrick was the principal of Agnes Water State School from 1994 to 2003. Our condolences go to his wife Anna and family.

This newsletter is also difficult, as it is my final newsletter for Agnes Water State School. I am very proud of the achievements of our school over the last four years and the progress we have made, not only academically, the increase opportunities in the programs we offer or the infrastructure changes, but more so the cultural change across the school. I adore the calmness that exists across our school and the dedication of our staff to ensuring we are providing one of the best learning environments for your children.

How much I will miss this school and the children in it, was made pretty clear to me the other day when I was on duty and was crash tackled by three Preps who just wanted to say hi. The trust you have placed in me as the leader of this school is humbling. I cannot thank our staff, students, P&C Association and community enough for the support you have provided over the last four years and I am certain the school will be in good hands with the incoming principal.

I look forward to being able to farewell our school community on Wednesday 12 December at our presentation night and at our Behaviour Celebration Day on Thursday 13 December.

Mr Tim Loughland, current principal of Glenwood State School, has been appointed to Agnes Water effective the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Tim has a young family and will be living in the community. Glenwood is in the same region as Agnes Water State School and Tim has been driving a strong improvement agenda in his school. Tim is very personable and I had the pleasure of having a lengthy conversation with him on Monday afternoon around school direction and agendas. At present, Tim is planning a visit to our school on Monday 10 December, and I invite parents to join him for tea and coffee from 8:15am until 9:00am in our undercover area.

### **Student Leadership**

On Friday 30 November, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will have the chance to vote for our student leaders and school captains for 2019. The announcement of our student leaders and captains will be made at our presentation night on Wednesday 12 December. Parents are welcome to join us after parade for the Year 5 leadership speeches.

### **School Banking Changes**

There have been a few changes to procedures for children banking with Commonwealth Bank. The banking day is now Wednesday of each week. To make it easier for our school-banking convenor, students banking with Commonwealth and Bendigo are asked to bring their banking in on a Wednesday.

### **Year 6 Graduation Dinner**

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner is a traditional component of our school and an event our senior students look forward to each year. The 2018, Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be held on Monday 10 December at the Green Turtle Café from 6:00pm. A reminder for parents that payment is due on Friday 30 November and is to be paid to the school.

### **Presentation Night**

Our 2018 Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday 12 December 2018 commencing at 6:00pm at the community hall, Springs Road. The night will be an opportunity for us to celebrate high performance with class awards for:

**Literacy Achievement Award** – Highest and most consistent academic achievement in Literacy over the year.

**Numeracy Achievement Award** – Highest and most consistent academic achievement in Numeracy over the year.

**Science Achievement Award** – Highest and most consistent academic achievement in Science over the year.

**The Arts Award** – Highest and most consistent academic achievement in The Arts over the year.

**I am a Learner Award** – The highest level of commitment to personal learning, individual improvement, perseverance and consistency.

Our Year 6 students are also eligible for;

**Chaplaincy Award** – for compassion and respect to others.

**Sports Award** - for highest and most consistent performance in sport.

**Languages Award** – for highest and most consistent performance in the study of Indonesian.

**The Arts Award** - for highest and most consistent performance in the study of Music and Drama.

**The Adopt-a-Cop Award** – for significant changes in learning.

**RSL ANZAC Spirit Award** – for compassion, mateship and inclusion of their peers.

**Citizenship Award** – for active citizenship and positive promotion of our school.

**Academic Dux Award** – for highest academic achievement across all learning areas.

It is also a night for us to celebrate the achievements of our school over 2018 as a community and bring our school year to a close.

As in previous years, students attending the evening will be required to be seated with their class at the front of the hall. Class teachers will provide individual information during this week around attire for the night to support with class performances.

Year 6 students and Year 5 student leader candidates will be required to wear their uniform for the start of the night and will then change into their class performance attire.

The night is open to all school families and I look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

Thank you everyone for an amazing year and I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas period.

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## School calendar Queensland state schools

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

There are 200 school days in 2019.

Semester 1 2020 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 24, 25, April 8, 9, 10 and October 21. 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 15 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 29 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 6.

*The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (August 2018) but may be subject to change.*

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