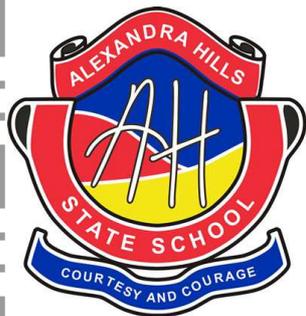


Alexandra Hills State School



NEWS



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May 13, 2016

WHAT'S ON:

P&C Meeting:
First Tuesday of
every month 6.30pm
Staff Room
All Welcome!

**Junior Choir
performing on
parade Friday
20th May**

**Assembly
every Friday at
2.05pm
Lester Centre**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Phone:
07 3820 0333
Student

Absence Line:
07 3820 0360
(24 hour service)

**Outside School
Hours Care:**
0407 179 869

FROM THE FRONT DESK

It is possible to move mountains by carrying away small stones.

It certainly is an exciting time at Alexandra Hills State School! When you walk around the school, there is a buzz that seems to be everywhere! The classes are all working hard and are being exposed to a high interest and tailored curriculum. There are a large number of parent volunteers coming into the school to assist in a wide variety of areas. Our enrolments are up and there is a greater community awareness of what makes Alexandra Hills State School such a dynamic school community. Most importantly, students are learning and they are happy.

I would encourage you to come into the school and see all the great things that are happening in the classrooms and throughout the school. It really is an exciting place to be.

NAPLAN WEEK

Thank you to all the parents who worked with the school to ensure the students were ready and relaxed for the NAPLAN testing period this week. As a school, we provided breakfast (thank you to Mrs. Sala and Mrs. Davidson for manning the breakfast bar), for all students in Year 3 and 5 over the three days. The teachers ensured that classrooms were quiet and that students were comfortable with the testing process. As parents, ensuring children were well rested and relaxed, assisted us in ensuring every child could complete the test papers to the best of their ability. Well done everyone!

SCHOOL EXCURSION

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of escorting the Year 6 class to Brisbane for a visit to Parliament House and the QUT Gardens Point university campus. It was a great opportunity for students to see first hand where and how our politicians govern Queensland. Students participated in a guided tour, took part in a mock sitting of parliament and had the opportunity to meet with our local member Don Brown MP who was able to answer some very thoughtful questions. Without doubt, the highlight was when the sitting parliament stopped to acknowledge the students who were watching proceedings in the viewing gallery.

Students also had the opportunity to tour the QUT Innovation and Technology Cube at Gardens Point. Everyone had the opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on ICT inspired activities. A note of thanks to Mrs. Davidson for assisting on the day and to Mrs. Vanek and Mrs. Newman for organising such an outstanding excursion.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

While we pride ourselves on providing a safe learning environment for the students of Alexandra Hills State School, we are finding that the practices of both parents/caregivers and students is resulting in potentially dangerous scenarios.

We would ask parents not to drop their child/ren off prior to 8:00 in the morning, as students are not directly supervised in the mornings.

Find the newsletter online at:
www.alexhillss.eq.edu.au



Reminders

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE continued

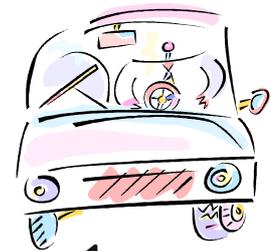
Of greater concern is the behaviour of some members of our school community after school. As you can imagine, this is when we have a high volume of students leaving school in a very tight timeframe. Monitoring students and ensuring that they leave safely is an extremely difficult task. If you are picking up your child from the car park, please ensure that you are following the car park guidelines. We have a teacher on duty who is responsible for supervising students and ensuring they get to their cars safely.

If you are parked in the middle bays, please walk across the road to pick up your child rather than calling them across. **Please do not park in the Drop & Go section of the car park and leave your car.** This area is designed for a *quick* pickup. Misuse of the area creates a backlog, that affects the whole carpark.

We also have a growing number of students staying behind after the bell and playing around the school. Once again, students are not being directly supervised; please ensure that your child is coming straight home.

We all want the students at *Alexandra Hills State School* to be safe at all times and greatly appreciate you working with us.

Have a great weekend everyone!



Award Recipients



Congratulations to our Award Recipients for Achieving their BRONZE certificate for Term Two:

BRONZE:

Prep:	Prep/1 Pink:	1 Red:	2/3 Plum:	
William	Matilda	Tayvin	David	Piper
Ruby	Oliver	Kelis	Syra-Maree	Chad
Estin	Lachlan		Tommy	Tukaha
	Ava		Kalvin	Angelina
	Kiara		Sahara	Hayley
			Riley	
3/4 Blue:	4 Black:	5 Aqua:	6 Lime:	
Molly	Mya	Bonita-Jane	Jackson	Lilly M
Olivia	Lauren	Mia	Ryan	Dakota
Mischa	Skye	Georgia	Blade	Taliah
Nathan M	John	Mehtinee	Jasmine	Eric
Lavinia	Nikita	Jessie	Jake	Best
Nathan C	Luke	Ashlee	Sebastien	Daniel
Tyler	Hunter	Lucia		
Gemma	Shelby	Sarah-Jane		
	Taleigha			

MUSIC AWARD: Jayce—1 Red



Student Absences

If your child is absent from school please don't forget to notify the office.

The Student Absence line is a 24 hour number.

Just leave a message with your child's name, class and reason for the absence!

07 3820 0360

Please advise the school of any change of details such as: address, telephone number/s, email address, medical conditions etc...

PBL

Be Safe

Be a Learner

Be Respectful

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLASS:

Literacy

As children make the transition to independent readers and are able to decode and understand texts that challenge them, the skill of oral reading (reading to someone) is important.

In a program of reading instruction at Alexandra Hills State School we are looking for parents/caregivers assistance to listen to our children read. If you have any time to give to this program please see your child's classroom teacher, or register your interest at the office.

Regards, Lois Palmer, STLaN (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy)

Calling for classroom volunteers!!

Some of our classes require parent helpers to assist with changing over home readers etc... If you can spare a few minutes a day it would be greatly appreciated!! Please see your classroom teacher for more information on how you can help!

Junior Choir Performance

The Junior Choir will be performing on Parade next Friday, 20th May at approximately 2.15pm in the Lester Centre. The Junior Choir is made up of all students in classes 1 Red, 2 Yellow and 2/3 Plum. This performance will make up part of their performance component for music this semester. All students in these classes have practised and are ready to perform. It is up to individual students if they choose to perform with the Junior Choir on Parade or to do a separate performance assessment in front of only their class group.

Year Six Parliament House Visit

On Tuesday our Year 6 Students along with Mrs Vanek, Mrs Newman, Mrs Davidson and Mr Fletcher attended Parliament House. Below is a photograph of them standing on the stairwell in this beautiful building. Some of our students have shared their story in their own words.

Highlight of Our Excursion

By Arshdeep Kaur

On Tuesday we went to Parliament House for our excursion by bus.

We enjoyed it so much because all of us had to be a part of a mock debate in the Red Room.

After that we went to the Chamber (Green Room) and saw Anastacia Palaszczuk, Premier of Queensland.

At the end we went to the University and had lunch there.

Then we saw a huge plasma screen.

We split into 3 groups so all of the groups went to different games and played with them.

Finally we came back by bus. It was the best day we ever had.



Our Journey to Parliament House in Brisbane City

By Brett Sedgman-Smith

The excitement was already brewing as we boarded the bus at 9.25am on our journey to Parliament House in Brisbane.

On the way to our destination the bus ride took 35-45 minutes. When we got there a man named Peter gave us a magical mind-blowing tour around Parliament House.

We even got to see Anastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier of Queensland.

After that we went to QUT to the Technology Centre. We played on touch screen TV games.

On the way back time flew even though it took the same amount of time there.

It was the best day of my life so far.

The Awesome Excursion

By Daniel Johnston

On Tuesday 6 Lime went on an excursion to Parliament House in the city.

It was sooooo fun!

Peter who was our tour guide showed us around Parliament. When we got to the upper house we did a mock debate.

It was a real special day because Anastacia Palaszczuk was in the Chamber (Green Room) debating about something. We got to see her debate because we were standing above her watching the whole thing happen.

There were lots of police around Parliament and lots of reporters. Then we had some morning tea. Everyone got a pack of biscuits and a home made orange juice.

After we finished at Parliament we went to QUT Technology Centre where we played lots of touch screen games.