

# Alexandra Hills State School



# NEWS



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April 29, 2016

## WHAT'S ON:

**P&C Meeting:**  
**Tues 3rd May**  
**6.30pm**  
**Staff Room**  
**All Welcome!**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
**Fri 6th 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

**There is no elevator to success; you have to take the stairs.**

### FOCUS ON READING

This week, the *Step-Up Literacy Program* has been finalised for next week. Teachers have collaboratively planned the groups based on their reading ages and social dynamics. It is a very exciting initiative, one that the school is extremely proud of as it offers students a diverse range of high interest activities and has recorded outstanding results.

Students will be in groups of no more than 6 and will receive explicit teaching in the areas of reading and writing. As a result, we have purchased additional teacher aides and hands-on resources to ensure that lessons are focused and responsive to the students needs. *The Step-Up Literacy Program* will run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All members of the *Alexandra Hills State School Community* are more than welcome to come in and see the program in action.

### FOUNDATION Q

This week Margaret Fletcher (Prep Orange) and Hayley Harding (P-1 Pink) were visited by Jan Peach from *Regional Office* to finalise training for *Foundation Q*. This program will target all students in Prep and identified students in Year One, with an explicit phonetic based program. This will focus specifically on oral literacy in preparation for students to participate in the *Step-Up Literacy Program* in Semester Two. This is a high interest program, with a great deal of interaction between the teacher and the students. *Foundation Q* is new to *Alexandra Hills State School* and is certain to achieve outstanding results.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

I have been made aware that there has been some 'niggle' in the car park before and after school between members of our parent community. It is always disappointing to hear anything negative about a school, particularly when it concerns issues outside of the school grounds. Today, I have attached the staff created agreement, which we did collectively at the beginning of the year. It is a document that we refer to often and one that is owned by every member of staff at *Alexandra Hills State School*. It ensures that we are working together as a team for the betterment of the school, and more importantly the students, of *Alexandra Hills State School*.

I would encourage you to read it and see it as an agreement for the *Alexandra Hills State School Community* of which you are a part.

As parents/carers/grand parents, you have a tremendous responsibility to model to the children in your care, how to be active members of society. How you behave (particularly in difficult situations) is absorbed by children watching and guides them when they are in a similar situation. Some of the behaviours being reported would not be tolerated at *Alexandra Hills State School* if done by students; it certainly is not acceptable when done by members of the parenting body. Please remember that at all times, you are role models to the students and ambassadors for *Alexandra Hills State School*.

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[www.alexhillss.eq.edu.au](http://www.alexhillss.eq.edu.au)



# Reminders

## FROM THE FRONT DESK (cont.)

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Over the last two weeks, we have been presenting the *Positive Behaviour Certificates* (Bronze, Silver and Gold) from Term One. It was a fantastic opportunity to reward positive behaviour.

This term, rather than presenting *Student of the Week Certificates*, we will be presenting *Positive Behaviour Certificates* the week that students complete them. This means that rather than students getting a *Student of the Week Certificate* (possibly 3 times a year) *all students* have the opportunity to receive a *Positive Behaviour Certificate* up to three times every term. Students who receive their *Gold Certificate* will qualify to be a part of the *Gold Reward Day*, which will be held on the last Wednesday of every term.

As a Parent/Caregiver, you can walk into your child's classroom at any time to see where they are in terms of their in-class behaviour.

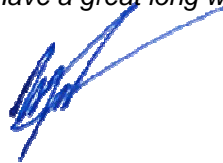
### ALCA BUILDING PROGRAM

Over the last two days, you may have noticed several men in high visibility vests walking around the school. This is part of an annual facilities review being conducted throughout the State. Every aspect of the school (electrical, structural and plumbing) is being inspected and graded. This will ensure that the school facilities continue to be well maintained and any areas of non-compliance can be fixed quickly. It ensures that *Alexandra Hills State School* continues to be a safe learning environment.

### LIONS CLUB DONATION

On Tuesday, Ken and Jo Wilcox from *Redland City Lions Club of Cleveland* presented the school with a cheque for \$1000. The money is to be used to assist our *School Based Chaplain* (Terry Keen) to continue to deliver his community support initiatives. It was a very generous donation; one that I am certain will have a big impact on members of our school community. Thank you!

*Have a great long weekend everyone, see you all on Tuesday!*



### 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...

### P&C:

Next

### Meeting:

Tuesday 3rd  
May 6.30pm  
Staff Room

### Student Banking

Student Banking is processed here each Wednesday with the Commonwealth Bank. Please drop off deposit books to the office in the morning!

## 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

## School Photographs!!

*Queensland School Photography* will be taking our school photos on Friday 6th May. A letter and photo ordering pack have been sent home. If you have not received these there are more available at the office

All students are to be dressed in full and correct school uniform—no Sports or Senior Shirts.

Sibling photographs will also be available.

If you would like your children photographed together please collect a "Sibling/Family" envelope from the School Administration Office.

Sibling Photographs will be taken before school from 8.00 to 8.30am in the Lester Centre. Class groups and individual photos will be taken throughout the day.

**Payments for photographs are to be prepaid in the envelopes provided, by either CASH, Cheque or Online.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to see the ladies in the Administration Office, phone 3820 0333 or email [admin@alexhillss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@alexhillss.eq.edu.au)



**Queensland School Photography**  
"Putting a smile on every face"

# PBL

# Award Recipients



**BE SAFE**  
 Safety in the playground.  
 Wash your hands with soap when you have finished in the toilet.  
 Eating in your designated area, and only eating your food.

**BE A LEARNER**  
 Follow the road rules.


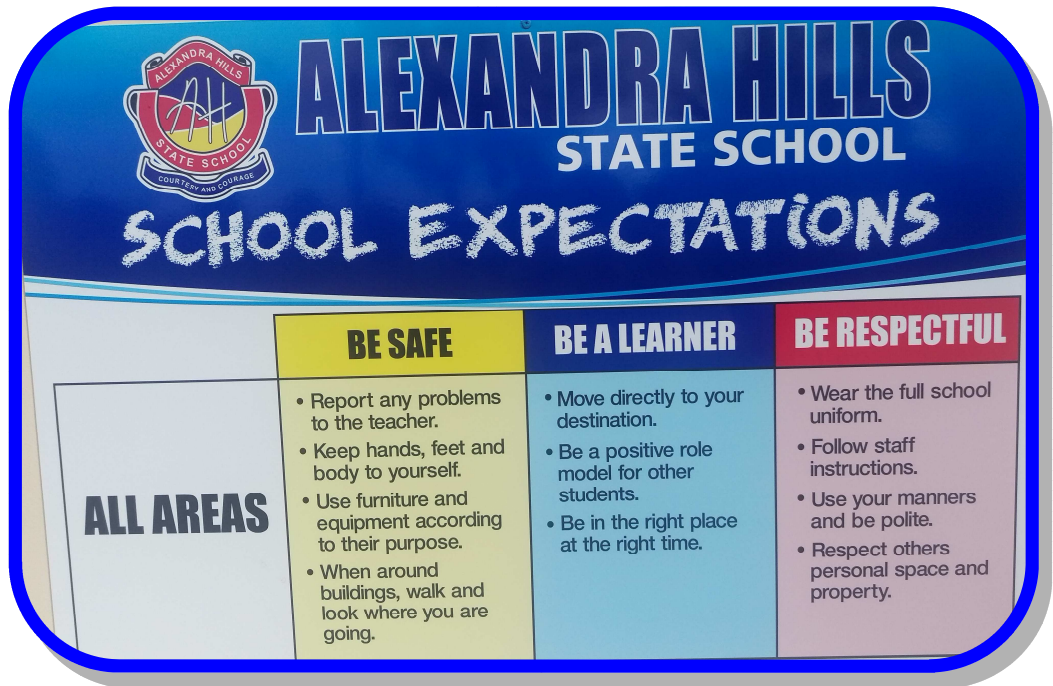
**BE RESPECTFUL**  
 Keeping your area neat and tidy.  
 Use appropriate voice level.  
 Respect everyone's personal space and property.  
 Take turns and sharing.

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

**BRONZE:**

<b>Prep:</b>	<b>1 Red</b>	<b>2 Yellow:</b>	<b>4 Black:</b>	<b>5 Aqua:</b>
Jakob	Charlotte	Kaia	Daniel	Matthew
Bria	Tianna	Emily		
Sureina	Bella	Natalie		
Jelena	Jayce	Bellamia		
Miley	Kellya			
Isabella	Hannah			
Rosie	Phoenix			
Hunter				
Kaden				
Indy				
Jazmine				
Avnoordeep				

**MUSIC AWARD: Natalie 2 Yellow**

**ALEXANDRA HILLS STATE SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

ALL AREAS	BE SAFE	BE A LEARNER	BE RESPECTFUL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report any problems to the teacher.</li> <li>Keep hands, feet and body to yourself.</li> <li>Use furniture and equipment according to their purpose.</li> <li>When around buildings, walk and look where you are going.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move directly to your destination.</li> <li>Be a positive role model for other students.</li> <li>Be in the right place at the right time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear the full school uniform.</li> <li>Follow staff instructions.</li> <li>Use your manners and be polite.</li> <li>Respect others personal space and property.</li> </ul>

**PBL—Positive Behaviour For Learning**

This year we are rolling out our PBL plan, Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is a timely reminder for us as Parents, Caregivers and the School Community as a whole, that we *all* understand and respect these values. We as adults, are role-models to our children, and it is very important that we do not forget this. We as a school community ask that all parents, caregivers and visitors to the school acknowledge the three key messages:

- ◆ BE SAFE
- ◆ BE A LEARNER
- ◆ BE RESPECTFUL

Examples of these include: using the carpark in the correct manner, not abusing the Stop, Drop and Go area, and most importantly treating other parents, caregivers and visitors to the school with respect.