Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now half way through term 2 and I am very proud to say that the students are working to the best of their abilities. I am pleased to see the work going on in the classes with year 7 developing their writing skills around the history of Ned Kelly, year 4-5 expanding their writing using the emotive topic of relocation of fruit bats and Year 1 students identifying and expanding on the authors meaning through comprehension skill development.

Last week the Name was chosen for our school mascot for SWPBS. Our Starfish will be forever known as ‘Captain’. Why Captain? The winning entry by Will Hema stated that ‘We will follow Captain because the captain leads the way’. SWPBS Leadership group sat last week for the first time and are in the process of developing action plans for our next steps.

Attendance for this year so far: 92.03% total attendance. 39.38% of students at 95%-100% attendance. As I asked earlier this year I am aiming to get to 97% attendance for the year.

ATTENDANCE – STRATEGIES TO KEEP YOUR STUDENTS ATTENDANCE ABOVE 97%

Regular school attendance - Information for parents and carers.

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important? Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school? Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.
Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.
What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time? You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school? You are encouraged to let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within three school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

If so, a set routine can help
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school? You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Lost Property
As the cooler weather approaches I remind you to clearly label your children’s clothes. We are already starting to accumulate a number of items in the lost property box in the undercover area.

Say No To Bullying
This year we recognised the National Day of Action Against Bullying. We gave each student a wrist band to remind them the stand we are taking against bullying. Please remind them that Bullying is not OK and we do not accept it. We want to:
• promote positive relationships Prep to Year 7.
• reinforce our core values.
• empower students to say no to bullies and report bullying if it occurs.
For more information go to: http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/

Interactive cybersafety website launched
An interactive website and quiz has been launched to help parents and students identify online dangers. The joint DETE and Telstra Meet the Creeps website will educate middle school students and their parents about online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying.
www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL
Arrival on time for school is an expectation and a good practice to develop for future work life. If on occasion you do arrive late to school for whatever reason, students must be signed in by a parent/carer, bring a written note or ensure that a parent/carer informs the office of your anticipated arrival. If a student is late for school then we will call to inform you that they are late.

Why read 20 Minutes at Home?

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If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Prep, by the end of year 6, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days and Student C will have read for 3.

Want to be a better reader? Simply read.

Regards
David Routh
Principal
Hello Parents and Carers,

Last newsletter the NAPLAN tests were in full swing and the students were very focused in the main and most don’t feel too stressed by them. Every class has work to do and deadlines to meet. The students learn that such timeframes are a normal part of life with appointments and tasks to complete. Even those with the luxury to travel have deadlines to deal with if they use any public transport or cruises. The results of the test take quite some time to be returned as the writing task in particular takes time to be marked and moderated even though other sections are run through a computerised marking system. I hope some of you made use of the reading questions in the last newsletter as reading is the key to achievement in all areas.

Teachers at Agnes Water are teaching unit 4 of the Maths and English program which will culminate in assessment that will contribute to the end of semester report card. The meetings with teachers at the beginning of the term should have outlined the strengths and weaknesses of your child/children so there should be no surprises forthcoming.

The standard to achieve is a C. Students need to really be well ahead of the work to get a B or an A. Students needing assistance or extra scaffolding to achieve the work may not reach the criteria to make a C but what we as teachers and you as parents want to see is an A in the EFFORT area. This tells that your child is working to their best and it is every teachers dream to have a class full of “A for EFFORT” students with top marks for behaviour as well.

Behaviour is the ability to comply with normal expectations of society and at school it means the rules we develop at school. The great majority of our students follow the rules the great majority of the time which is fantastic and we often fall into the trap as teachers and parents of focussing on the “BAD” we see and commenting on it the majority of the time. We completely miss the “GOOD” or ignore it and focus on that ‘bad’. As a school we are on the path to becoming a SWPBS school. That’s School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. It is all about recognising the “GOOD GUYS”. We want to change to seeing the good stuff that our students do as our focus because as I said earlier, most of our students are good most of the time.

Many students have adverse behaviour after eating some foods. Sugary foods affect many children badly with their ability to comply and focus, others are affected by colourings and/or chemicals in the food. You can help your child by not including the “treat” types of food in the school lunch. We regularly see students dumping what parents have given as their fantastic, healthy lunch and eat the’ junk’ that was meant as a treat at the end, preferring to just have the sugar hit. Often they are then tired and listless later as the sugar burns quickly and this may result in poor choices by the child. If you think your child may be like this, please just save the treats for after school when there is less temptation to make poor choices which may lead to behaviour records at school that could be avoided. Please have a look at the lunch box and consider what is included and how it may affect your child. There is many a healthy alternative to ‘junk’ and a reminder that there is a fruit break in the morning session so please include some in your child’s lunch. This last fortnight I have seen one child with a very large tomato that he ate like an apple and another with a great load of snow peas. Everyone is different as far as taste in the fruit department; I have picked some grumachamas for some to try as well as carambola, a few citrus and bananas. If you have a surplus of fruit at home please help out by sending your child’s class teacher some for the kids to try.

Thanks for your anticipated support,

John Hancock
STLD:HOC
Great Results Guarantee

I have spent an exciting couple of months working closely with the dedicated staff and delightful students of Agnes Water State School. I have had the pleasure of visiting classrooms, assisting teachers and facilitating some very rewarding professional conversations. All teaching staff regularly meet after school each Thursday fortnight to share our best practice, trial short term data cycles and provide feedback to each other. We have examined the need for closely analysing our student data in the many forms we find it - NAPLAN, PM reading tests, standardised spelling tests and most importantly, teacher judgement. We use this data to inform the next step in our teaching cycle. We identify students who require more time to understand a concept and put strategies into place that will assist them to achieve this goal. We recognise the students who have achieved great understanding of a concept and put methods in place to extend them further. By using these short term data cycles we are continually analysing and refining our teaching practice to improve outcomes for all students. If your child's teacher mentions specific learning goals they have devised for your child please ask how you, as a parent and crucial stakeholder, can assist in this powerful process. It is essential that the lines of communication between home and school are clear, positive and open - that is how your child will succeed to the best of their ability. The school newsletter is a wealth of information about how you can best prepare your child to optimise their learning - please call if you would like more strategies.

To improve your child's reading ability - regardless of age - I highly recommend the book 'Reading Magic' by Mem Fox - this valuable read contains a wealth of information from recommended books that foster a love of reading, to the elements of a successful reader. It costs around $8 and is worth so much more. "Reading aloud to our sons and daughters also helps them to learn the best kinds of universal values, which will help them grow into pleasant children now, and good citizens later. It advances their speech, enlarges their brain, makes them happy, and helps them to be successful at school and in life. It also gives them sky-high self esteem." Mem Fox. I have a copy if you would like to borrow mine.

In week 6 staff are being released to work with the leadership team to analyse their reading data. They will bring all data they have collected to a meeting, and work with David, John and myself to set learning goals, devise strategies and reflect on their practice. The learning goals will be revisited early next term. The enthusiasm and professionalism of the staff in this lovely school are to be commended - our children are in wonderful hands. Please email me on ltank1@eq.edu.au with any ideas about how you can be involved, or if you have any questions.

Leigh Tankey
Learning Enhancement Coach
'Be the change you wish to see...'

Chaplaincy - Unlimited Programme

Over the last 4 weeks 2 groups of year 6 students have been participating in the VITAL Unlimited Programme. The aim of this programme is to give students tools and strategies to help them live life. They are encouraged to explore their potential as well as work on relationships with others. Below are the girl’s group experiencing trust and working on a problem solving activity.
Assembly Awards

Week 5

Brittany Sanders 6  Working well in class
Edwin Chang 7  Setting a positive example for other students
Deklan Minchenko P/1  Great reading
Zeke Polizzi P/1  Great reading
Benjamin Jenkins 1W  Student of the week
Darcy Paterson 1W  Being a responsible learner
Millie Wright 1W  Student of the week
Blake Jasperse 1/2  Starting to read
Jesse James White 1/2  Magic effort in learning his sight words
Letitia Scott 6  Creative contribution to our festival painting
Maddison Keevers 4/5  Being an independent learner and group learner
Karly Kapetanakis 4/5  Being a wonderful group worker
Alexander England 4/5  Being a fantastic group worker
Jordon Suckelis 4/5  For being a fantastic reader

Library News

Tuckshop News –28th May 2014

Debbie Ahern (Tuckshop Convenor) PH: 49749527 Wed – Frid

- Sports Day is fast approaching. It is to be held on Friday 13th June. A Pre-Order Menu will be sent out for this day. Payment & Orders are to be returned by Monday 9th June. This helps with ordering & reduces wastage on the day.

- Volunteers are required to help the day run smoothly. If you can help out with Preparing in the Tuckshop early in the day/Setting up or Serving On the Oval / Preparing the Lunch Orders/ Delivering & Supervising the distribution of Orders to the House Areas / Cleaning up at the end of the day. If you can help on the day please phone Debbie at Tuckshop on 49749527.

- Donations of cakes & slices will be appreciated. Small patty cakes are always a big hit with the kids!

- This is a RED day for the Tuckshop – Lollies & Soft Drinks will be sold on this day. These will be over the counter sales only.

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Could all library borrowers, Mums and Dads please look for any books that might be hiding under beds, in bookshelves and any other places that books can hide!
Year 6/7 AFL Gala Day Girls Give Branyan Rd

A Football Lesson to Remember!

On Wednesday 7th May the Year 6 and 7 girls travelled to St Luke’s Anglican School to participate in the Brisbane Lion’s Cup run by AFL Queensland. The girls were eager for some action, having been training hard for two weeks every lunch time prior to the event. For the first time we were able to submit two strong teams, who were more than capable of playing a brand of football that was exciting and entertaining to watch.

The first game saw both of the Agnes Water teams lock horns. The girls put on a spectacle with some dashing play, combined with hard tackling footy, much to the delight of the Agnes Water contingency that came along to watch. Pastor Isles watched in awe as Cheyanne Morris ran the ball out of defence with ease, displaying her long kicking skills, whilst Piper Seaman, Grace Wakefield and Poy Chan–Yu went hard at the ball, showing their team mates they meant business. The French twins bamboozled their opponents with their ball handling skills in the mid field, whilst Keagan Vickers and Lucy Rolph stood firm in defence. After a torrid battle Agnes Water 1 defeated Agnes Water 2 by 17 points. The ruck dominance of Amber Liekmeier and key forward Amber Corke caused problems for the opposition defence, whilst Talia Russon proved far too elusive for her direct opponent. Haley Tryhorn made a solid contribution to the team, when she was watching the game! In one instance the ball nearly struck the key forward while she was looking the other way, to provide the spectators with a memorable moment!

The next game saw the two teams playing St Luke’s and Branyan Rd respectively. Agnes Water 1 started slowly and seemed to be intimidated by the opposition’s size. St Luke’s had the upper hand early with Amber Corke finding her opponent a difficult proposition, in attack. The game proved to be a battle of the mid fielders with Letitia Scott, Rosie Moody and India Owen continually driving the ball into our forward line only for it to be repelled back by the St Luke’s defence. The coaching staff made a decision to swap Amber Corke and Lizzy Gordon, which proved to be instantly effective. Amber Corke got her confidence back and started picking up possessions at will, kicking the ball long out of defence. Lizzy Gordon dominated her highly fancied opponent and the game started to be played on our terms. Unfortunately the move came too late and we went down by 10 points. Mr Lane was very pleased with the endeavours of Agnes Water 2, praising the efforts of Madison Walker and Brittany Sanders, who went down to an in form Branyan Rd outfit. Caitlyn Mattner was also a tower of strength in the ruck, giving her team mates an arm chair ride.

The next game for Agnes Water 1 was against the highly fancied Branyan Rd, who at this stage of the competition had not lost a game. Everyone was expecting them to run all over us. They were certainly in for a shock, with our girls quickly gaining the upper hand with what could only be described as champagne football. The team work on display was something to behold. Liana Cooper refused to even give the opposition a sniff of the ball. Liana ‘banana’ Cooper was as slippery as her name suggests, continually running the ball out of defence with her explosive pace, evading heavy traffic by weaving in and out of the packs. The Agnes Water contingency, which travelled all the way to Bundaberg were treated to a first class spectacle of cohesive team football. Lizzy Gordon lead by example by completely dominating the forward line. She was serviced by a committed midfield that was relentless with their tackling pressure. No one wanted to get near Charlie Dare, as she was ferocious with her tackling skills and Amber Liekmeier took some telling marks and was a force to be reckoned with, slotting through an inspirational goal. In the end the girls put the game to bed, by winning comfortably by 19 points.

Agnes Water 2 played a competitive game against St Luke’s with the stand out performers being Cheyanne Morris, Piper Seaman, Grace Wakefield, Lucy Rolph and the ‘double trouble act’ of the French girls. A fantastic day was had by all and the girls were so good that WIN News took some action footage for their evening news programme. Next the boys and girls will be off to Childers to compete in the highly anticipated Brisbane Lions Wide Bay regional finals on Thursday 12 June. Go Agnes!

Richard Gourlay
(Class Teacher Year 7)
Michael's Poem.
Indigo and blue
Strawberry muffins cooking in the oven
Sunflowers in the sun.
My mum makes me feel like
I'm on a motor bike.

Jaylah's Poem.
My mum is like a pink and red lily.
She smells like toothpaste.
When I see her
She makes me feel loved.

Adam's Poem.
Soft grey and purple
Chocolate slice and coffee
Watermelon growing in the sun.
My mum makes me feel like
I'm home.

Tyler's Poem.
Gold and silver
Blueberry pie smelling sweet
Poppies in the sun.
My mum makes me feel like
I'm safe.

Jesse's Poem.
Green and blue
Chocolate cake baking in the oven
Lavender growing near her chair.
My mum makes me feel happy.

Tarnee's Poem.
Purple and green.
Quiche, ice cream and Milo.
Red roses on the bench.
My mum makes me feel happy.

Peter's Poem.
Light blue and dark blue
Blueberry pie cooking
A bluebell dancing in the sky.
My mum makes me feel love.

Ruby's Poem.
Pink and black
My mum smells like cherries.
She is like a rose.
She makes me feel lovely.

Ellis' Poem.
Pink and red
Pork and vegies on the table
Poppies growing in the field.
My mum makes me feel happy.

Cooper's Poem.
Pink and red lovehearts
Chocolate cupcakes in the oven
Roses in a vase.
My mum is best in the world.

Marc's Poem.
Pink and violet
Chocolate and strawberries
A rose floating in a pond.
My mum makes me feel love.

Sankalp's Poem.
Pink and blue
Bubbly shampoo
Sunflowers in a garden.
My mum makes me feel normal.

Ammon's Poem.
Green and grey
Honey and milk perfume
A red rose in your hair.
My mum makes me feel the best in the world.

Selkie's Poem.
Blue and aqua
Cookies baking in the oven
Daisies swaying in the breeze.
My mum makes me feel special.

Amy's Poem.
Pink and black
A peach pie baking in the oven
A violet swaying in the sun.
My mum makes me feel loved.

Logan's Poem.
Purple and blue
Apple pie and yummy cream
Roses growing in the garden.
My mum makes me feel really loved.

Kyia's Poem.
My mum makes me feel happy,
Awesome,
Loved and excited.
My mum loves pink roses and
Blue flowers and.....
My mum loves ME.
Once again, IL Shim Agnes Water/Miriam Vale has been able to claim top spots at the ITF Taekwon-do National Championships. Saturday 17th May saw local club competitors arrive at Nambour ready for the days competition. Weigh in began at 8 am, competition started right on time at 9 am.

First time competitors Marc Smith, Jackson Suthers and Harrison Smith were nervous, but excited for proceedings to commence. Finally their names were called. Marc was the first local competitor for the day in Patterns. He started out nervous, but by 10am, we had claimed our first gold medal. Jackson Suthers also excelled in his performance, in the pattern competition, and successfully went on to claim the Bronze medal. The morning progressed quickly, with Jackson, Harrison, Anisha Millar and Luca Bowe being called to different rings to compete. Both Luca and Harrison had claimed silver, and senior competitors Sianne Blacklock and Kerry Lavell claimed bronze. After a great start to the competition, there was very little time to rejoice, as sparring was about to begin.

Everybody kitted up ready for their bouts to be called. First up was the Juniors, Marc and Jackson. Both boys fought extremely well, and experience gained was immense. Next on the floor was Harrison Smith, Hazard, as he is known within the club ranks, certainly did not disappoint. After a very formidable opponent, and an extremely strong fight, Harry was able to walk away with a very well deserved Silver medal. Luca Bowe then took to the ring. Luca had been upgraded to the Senior Lightweight Black Belt division, and at 10 years of age faced very strong and capable opponents. Luca immediately rose to the occasion, and met his competition head on with great determination. Luca has been training Taekwon-do since he was in Prep, and the years of hard work and commitment paid off, as he successfully was able to claim Bronze. Young white belt, Anisha Millar was next in the ring. Anisha stepped into the ring against all higher belt opponents, one bout was against an opponent 6 belts higher than her, but that did not slow her down, or concern her in the least. After 1 draw and 3 wins, this little dynamo was able to claim Gold.

Finally, it was time for the Senior Ladies to show their stuff. All three remaining Senior competitors had been placed in the same division, so nerves were strung even tighter. It is very difficult to put aside friendship in the ring and compete effectively, but our 3 Seniors, Michelle Millar, Sianne Blacklock, and Kerry Lavell have been doing this for many years, and did not disappoint. Each of the ladies had 4 scheduled bouts. On the first bout of the day, Mrs Millar was instructed to be on the Hong (red) side, whilst all of her technique came flooding back, she was not able to hold off the first competitor to secure a win. Immediately upon completion, Mrs Millar was called to be on Chong (blue) side. After no time to rest between bouts she was back in the ring again. This time against team mate Mrs Lavell. Both ladies are experienced sparring competitors, and put on a well fought bout. The rest of the competition went from seeing the ladies becoming fierce competitors, to being strong supporters when not in the ring together. Finally it was all over, and results were in, Mrs Millar had claimed Silver, and Sianne Blacklock managed to hold onto the Bronze.

At the end of the day, the club found that from the 10 competitors that had come down, 13 medals were going home. The amazing 100% medal claim for the club, is directly attributed to the Experienced Instruction of Miss Gail Jacobsen. Miss Jacobsen is a 4th Dan Black Belt, accredited International Instructor, and a past competitor and coach to the National and International circuit. Because of Miss Jacobsen’s Instruction, Agnes Water/Miriam Vale IL Shim competitors, are now ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Australia in their Individual Divisions of ITF Taekwon-do.

For more information, come along to Training days and have a go, or call Miss Jacobsen on 0427 045 962.

Miriam Vale – Monday and Wednesday from 4pm, CWA hall, Bloomfield St.
Agnes Water – Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm, Agnes Water State School Hall.

IL Shim Agnes Water/Miriam Vale is looking at expanding to other areas within the Shire, to register your interest, please call or message Miss Jacobsen 0427 045 962.
The Gardening Club have been producing a great harvest from our school veggie patch. The beetroot, eggplants, tomatoes, zucchini, cabbage, lettuce, celery, pumpkin, squash, sweet potato and onions are growing really well. Thanks very much to the parents who have donated seedlings from their own gardens!

Students from all year levels come each week to water, weed and plant. We’re harvesting enough to cook with. The students really enjoyed eating the frittata that we made from our veggies – some were a bit hesitant because they had never tried them before, but they ended up eating it all up and discovered that they really did like them!

We’ve had so many eggplants and zucchini that I have roasted them on the grill and preserved them in oil. We used them the other day for making our version of Vietnamese rice rolls – which the children loved:

**Our Vietnamese roll recipe: (Feeds 20 children)**
- Chinese cabbage leaves sliced
- Cherry tomatoes chopped
- Grated beetroot and slices beetroot leaves
- Preserved eggplant and zucchini antipasto slices
- Sliced cooked chicken
- Cooked and cooled vermicelli rice noodles
- Rice paper

**Method:**
Wet rice paper until soft and add a little of each of the above ingredients. Roll together and eat!

**Our veggie Frittata recipe; (feeds a family)**
1. 1 beetroot grated and beetroot leaves chopped
2. 2 zucchini grated
3. Handful of Cherry tomatoes chopped
4. 3 small eggplants chopped
5. 1 onion diced
6. 1 cup Brazilian spinach leaves
7. 3 butternut squashes diced
8. 5 eggs
9. 5 tbs milk
Grated cheese.

**Method:**
1. Fry up all veggies in a frypan until tender.
2. Add to whisked egg and milk mixture. Place all ingredients in a greased baking tray, sprinkle over grated cheese and bake in moderate oven for 30 min, or until brown.

**ALSO** if anyone wishes to donate seeds/plants/seedlings and empty pots to the gardening club, it would be very much appreciated. Please bring to office, or Miss Kate in Year One/Two.
RE/MAX® Baffle Creek Raft Race

9am Sun June 8, 2014
bafflecreekraftrace.org.au
Flat Rock Rd. Baffle Creek

3km Canoe/Kayak Marathon
Open to all paddle craft also teams of 2. Some equipment available for hire Categories U18, Open and 040 Male and Female

1770SUP Stand Up Paddle 2km
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All events FREE all day

Lots of wonderful food, market beer, wine, spirits and soft drinks
Agnes Water State School