Dear Parents/Carers,

For those of you that have not received my letter last week, I have announced that I have relinquished my position as Principal of Agnes Water State School. This means that I will be finishing at the end of this term. Currently I do not have any information regarding my replacement but rest assured as soon as I have that information I will be passing it on.

**Opti-Minds**

Congratulations to our Opti-Minds team of Edwin C, Lizzy G, Rowan B, Caitlyn M, Jakob W, Cooper S and Maddison K on receiving the Opti-Minds Spirit of Opti-Minds Award. All reports are that they all performed extremely well showing great teamwork and problem solving skills. I want to thank Ms Harris and Ms Jackholme for the assistance in the group and a special thank you to Mrs Julia Cook for driving and organising this. Without her this would not have happened and the students would not have been exposed to such a valuable experience.

**NAPLAN Results**

I would like to continue to pass on how well our school has improved over the last two years in the development of student outcomes and academic achievement. There has been a dramatic improvement in student learning over this time and this is not by accident. This has been done through the commitment of all teachers at the school and the single minded drive to ensure all students are going to achieve at their best.

Regards

David Routh
Principal

All the latest apps you need to know about taken from Cybersafety solutions:-

**Ask.fm** Age requirement 13+
Is a Latvia based social networking site, users can ask each other questions with the option of anonymity which most users do. Because of the anonymity it encourages nasty questions and can be used to bully and harass, there have been several suicides overseas linked to the site.

**Instagram** Age requirements 13
Instagram is an online photo/video sharing site, users can choose to share privately. If location services are set “on” your device then the GPS position of where you were when you took the picture is easily obtained. Is used for cyberbullying, ensure full privacy settings are enabled.
Hello Parents and Carers,

By now the students of Years 3, 5 and 7 will have shown their NAPLAN test results to parents and by a long way, most of those concerned will be very pleased with the result and if compared with previous tests, by the progress made. The students of Years 5 and 7 have prior results and it is great to see that ‘distance travelled’. Agnes Water State School has made significant gains since the last time this group was tested and we show a significant growth of children at or exceeding the national standard. NAPLAN cannot really be ‘taught’, it can however, be well prepared for, by good, solid, all round teaching which is what we aim to achieve. It is a constant process in every subject, every day, to do the best we can and that means students and teachers.

It was my pleasure on Monday, to show some new students around the school and they were impressed with what they saw. They loved the view from near the hall particularly and made a comment that reflected extremely well on our students and their parents and carers. They said, “Wow, it’s lovely and it looks so great. There are no smashed windows or broken doors.” I naturally had to ask about that comment and it was revealed that damage was regularly caused by students and violent parents at their previous school and they were well accustomed to lock-downs.

Thanks parents for nurturing your children to behave far better than that. We have almost 300 great children, some of whom cause a problem from time to time, but generally this school is a fantastic place to be, despite what some will try to put out there. If there is a problem we need to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Don’t complain, step up and help. Get along to school and join in with helping move your children forward in both personal and academic ways.

On that front, we are seeking more assistance to help children read. Volunteers are very welcome to listen to some reading every morning. Join Jenny (the lovely lady from Melbourne in the Coastal Rag story last week) who helps out and enjoys assisting the kids in their education. An adult in the group helps the students maintain focus and the achievement is so much higher, so don’t just hang about, get in and help. See the teachers for how to help most. If there is interest I can run a short Support-a-Reader training session to help with some skills to better serve the students. This is not essential but it can help keep us all on the same page and help ensure we practise the essential skills. Interactions with a variety of adults helps children develop and it gives you a great opportunity to see how well children can perform and improve. It can give a great ‘Feel Good’ moment!!

Respectful, Responsible and Safe is what we ask for and a reminder that this is a uniform school. Please make the effort to have your children be part of the school in every way including being correctly dressed.

Oh, and keep a watch for head lice please! The horrid things are always around it seems. Have a great fortnight and enjoy the fete.

Yours
John Hancock
STLaN:HOC
Assembly Awards Recipients

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HEADLICE - New remedy to try

Wash hair with coconut oil – comb out nits. Rinse with apple cider vinegar.

Tuckshop Report – 2 September 2014

- The Slushie Machine is at present in Bundaberg awaiting repair.

- There is a Queensland Government Community grant available – I have put on the AWSS P & C website a request for someone to help with this process. The Tuckshop could utilize this and purchase a new Commercial Freezer or a Laptop and printer.
Last week before the FETE!!!
See you on Sunday – live entertainment, Food by 1770 Beach Hotel, Rides, Stalls, Billy Cart Comp.
Fathers Day Competition

- Pie Eating Competition – 3 pies – no hands
- Haystack Carry – carry and stack the haybales
- Thong Throwing Competition – how far can you throw your thongs
- Father and Child 3 legged race

*Our Class Stalls need you: Please help -*
P/1  Sausage sizzle  
1/2  Plant Stall  
Yr 1  Cake/Sweet Stall  
Yr 2  Guess the Lollies/Sno cones  
Yr 2/3  White Elephant Stall  
Yr 4  Side Show Alley  
Yr 4/5  Showbags/Sno cones  
Yr 5  Dunk your teacher/person of choice  
Yr 6  Bin ball toss  
Yr 7  100 board  
  Music – Magnetic Fishing

Don’t miss out – Buy your ride tickets this week at the office $26 or $30 on the day!!!
BOOK FAIR
Spread the word to family and friends. Funtime Amusements is coming to:

**Agnes Water State School Fete**

**7th September 2014**

**RIDE TIMES**
1pm—5pm

**Pre-Pay UNLIMITED RIDES**
(ride as many times as you like)

$26.00 EACH CHILD

Prices on the night are:
- $30.00 unlimited arm band
- All rides $3.00/person

**Fun Time Amusements**

- Water Balls
- Bungee Run
- Bouncy Boxing
- Rockwall

**MINI JEeps**

**IMPORTANT:** Unlimited ride wrist bands must be worn on child’s wrist. All safety rules must be adhered to—no exceptions. No refunds.

**IF RULES ARE FOLLOWED YOU WON'T BE DISSAPOINTED!!**

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I would like to buy $26.00 per person deal for amusements rides to use at the fair on the 07/09/14.

NAME
CLASS

Amount Paid $ __________

Buy your $26.00 per person deal at the office and remember to bring your voucher to the fete!