Dear Parents/Carers,

The cycle of illness has really hit us in the last couple of weeks with many students and teachers absent for extended periods. If your child is sick or getting sick please keep them away from school to prevent spreading germs and from catching other problems when resistance is low. Please also remind them of common courtesies such as not coughing and sneezing without putting a hand or tissue/handkerchief to prevent droplets flying everywhere.

Apologies if there has been a bit of a mixture of teachers taking your child’s class, but the sick staff has exceeded the number of relief teachers available and we have been covering as best we can. David has been away sick and at this point we are unsure when he will be back. Danielle from Prep is also off for at least the next two weeks and we welcome Margaret Crowther as her replacement for that time. The other teachers will return when their illnesses abate and our lovely Supply Teachers will do their utmost to keep the ball rolling.

The teaching cycle in the curriculum hasn’t stopped though and most classes are getting to the assessment stage of the first unit of term 3 so it is vital your child attends every day when well. Several teachers have reported that there have been very pleasing improvements in the comprehension level of a number of students who have been part of a targeted program. Well done teachers and students.

The Jeans for Genes Day was a success with $215 being raised by the students. Thank you for your support as this money goes toward research to prevent childhood diseases, syndromes and cancers. Further donations are welcome and will be banked to the fund.

Our Walk-a-thon went off well today with only a few students not participating. For future reference there is no need to be in the fund raising part to participate in the walk. The weather was fantastic for the stroll on beautiful Agnes beach.

Book Fair will be on soon with a stack of boxes arriving to set up for it. The students can start saving to enjoy the Fair.

Bundaberg Zone Sports are on this Thursday and Friday with letters already out with the students concerned. Bus travel is available both days and students and teachers need to know times and places for pick up and drop off. Please be punctual for these times. Best of luck (and skill) for all our participants.
**Arts Link** is on Tuesday next week with two performances. **Session one** for the younger students Prep to Year 3 and **session two** for the 4-7’s. In many years of teaching (like over 30!!) I have seen only one I didn’t think was worthwhile and that was a long time ago. Usually the word is ‘Fantastic’!

The school **FETE** has been moved to the 7 September as the original date clashed with a big meet of the Little A’s which so many of our students attend. See the P and C notes for more information on this. Remember it is not the ‘School’s’ P & C, it is YOURS. Parent and citizens associations are the backbone of schools and need support from all. Far better to **help** than criticise. Come along and be a part of the decision making process.

As you can see it is a very busy period at school and with staff sick it gets a bit chaotic but things keep running and the students keep learning and improving their skills. Your support is very welcome and a special thanks goes to the wonderful parents and other people who come to help in our school. Please tell your child’s teacher when you are available and come join in and enjoy the learning process.

**Captain Starfish Awards** have begun and this is familiar to all students. The staff of the school are on the lookout for behaviour that supports the **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE** behaviour code. Names go into a draw each week for a prize and the children are noted for their positive behaviour. This will help remind everyone that the majority of our students do the right thing for the majority of the time and help to diminish the effect of the few who do the wrong thing sometimes.

Finally, another reminder about the issue of names on property such as jumpers and hats as well as lunchboxes and everything else your child brings to school. The school jumpers are $28 each and they arrive with no name and all identical. Please, help us help you, by naming all equipment clearly. If you are missing some things, check the lost property box as the cool mornings that warm up by playtime are a recipe for lost property.

**Yours,**

John Hancock
STLaN: HOC

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**Year 2 News**

Teaching and learning in our classroom is a shared process.

We have many helpers who visit our classroom regularly. We have mums who help us in our Maths Rotations, mums and dads who listen to us read in the mornings, mums helping us with our computer skills in the computer lab and mums helping us with our art activities.

We are also very lucky to have our Miss Jenny who volunteers every Tuesday throughout the winter months. Miss Jenny is from Melbourne and escapes the winter chill every year. We are very lucky that she does and that she chooses to volunteer in our classroom!

Thank you to all these wonderful people. I know that without this cooperative learning environment the children would not be developing and improving socially and academically as much as they are.
Assembly Awards Recipients

Name                          Reason
Kobe Keevers                  Great reading
Mathew McDougal              Working responsibly
Cooper Keleher               Being a responsible learner
Letitia Scott                Designing a great poster in technology
Brandon Hansen               Designing a great poster in technology
Aiden Eising                 For completing tasks on time
Ryan Sevenson                Amazing handwriting
Angela Horwell               Persistence during reading
Taylah Possee                Great group worker
Fiona Lawson                 Trying hard in maths
Jetti Robertson-Cipak         Understanding place value
Lucinda McLean               Being a respectful student
Thomas Rolph                 Being a responsible learner

Rosedale - Our Great School – Comments From Last Year’s Grade 7’s

Rosedale is a great school, just ask our students. In junior secondary we recently surveyed the students regarding their start to secondary school. Read below to see what they had to say:

• Teachers care about us and help us. They always make sure we work to our ability and help us to achieve good marks. Akashnye R
• My favourite teacher, Mr Peterson because we get to learn to do footy. Tyler H.
• All my teachers are nice. Emily W
• Miss Dingle is the best Math teacher. Anonymous
• I like Rosedale because I get to meet new friends and I like that we have different classes in different rooms. Tamara L
• At Rosedale State School I like all the different subjects that we didn’t do at primary school like Home Eco, Drama, Art and Manual Arts. I also like the extra sports we do on sports day like triple jump and javelin. Skye L.
RESPECTFUL             RESPONSIBLE             SAFE

Best Show Bags!

Come and support your local school and have some fun!

Yummiest food!

Delicious Cakes!

SEPTEMBER 7th
1pm - 5pm

AGNES WATER SCHOOL
RIDES
STALLS
RAFFLES

SHOW BAGS
BBQS
DRINKS

COMPETITIONS
On Sunday August 10th Shaun Letham from Little Athletics Queensland will be hosting an Introduction to Coaching Course. This course is designed for volunteers to give sound basic knowledge to young athletes.

The course is eight hours in duration and covers all event groups on the Little Athletics track and field program. At the conclusion of the course the coach will be able to;

- Implement a coaching session appropriate to the target group,
- Organise a group of young athletes safely
- Implement a working model of each event through the use of drills, technical skills and games
- Rectify some of the more common technical faults associated with Little Athletes

AW/1770 Little Athletics Club is making this available FREE to all parents/guardians of club members

**ATHLETICS..... Where everyone is a STAR**
OVERDUE BOOKS

Last count of children’s overdue books – Thursday 31/07/14

CLASS

Ms Lucas 27
Mrs Window 54
Mrs Hancock 68
Mrs Smith 14
Ms McTague 15
Mr Webster 56
Ms Jackholme 23
Ms Hartley 33
Mr Lane/Mrs Harris 11
Mr Gourlay 18
Ms Tooker 11
Mrs Heenan 21

Other children need to be able to borrow/read these books. Please “search” – anything that has an Agnes Water State School Barcode (front or back) has to be returned. This many overdue books is a big OMG. Happy searching.

Val Black
Teacher/Librarian

AGNES WATER STATE SCHOOL – FETE

7 SEPTEMBER – 1 PM – 5 PM

Purchase a stall site at the fete. Price of a site - $25.00.

Contact the school on 49021333