Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of a very busy term with many highlights. We have had many students achieve representative honours in a variety of sports, AFL, Golf, Rugby League and Tennis. I am also very pleased to see the number of students achieving their 25 night reading awards so quickly.

The National 3, 5, 7 and 9 Testing for all students Australia wide will occur next term on the 13th, 14th and 15th May. I strongly encourage all parents of children in those grades to participate as it is an important learning experience for them to be part of. It is also of great benefit for the school to have all students participate in the tests because if a student is having difficulties in a particular area and they are identified as needing assistance the school will receive additional funding to be used to assist them.

There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

• talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
• discuss the format test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
• when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
• encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – Who are the main characters? What are they trying to do? Why and where is the story set and how will it end?
• maintain a positive attitude about the tests
• ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
• ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child’s teacher.

I would like to welcome the new P&C Executives to the school:
President – Mr Shane Webster
Secretary – Ms Chrissy Jackholme
Treasurer - Mrs Amy Bartlem

Thank you to Kelly Turnbull (President) and Trish Martin (Treasurer) and the outgoing committee for their hard work over the last twelve months. I also encourage everyone to be part of the P&C because without their support we are unable to do many important activities at our school.

Friday 21st March was the National focus on Anti Bullying. We all have Taken A Stand Together to stop Bullying from happening. You may have noticed that the children are wearing a wrist band with the slogan Take a Stand Together. I encourage all students to wear their wrist bands all the time.
With Bullying back in the spotlight of the media, I strongly encourage you to ask your child/ren to report incidents to the staff of the school. The Staff of Agnes Water State School are committed to making sure that the students are safe and happy at our great school. If your child/ren are having problems at school please contact the school and inform us of what is going on. For further information and help I would like to refer you to the following web site. http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/

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

Over the Easter break don’t forget to encourage your child to keep reading, you can do this by helping them get in the mood for reading by:

- Setting aside a special time for reading together. You just need 10 minutes each day where there are no distractions – and it doesn’t matter what time of the day it is!
- Choosing a special place to read where you’re both relaxed and comfortable such as in bed or on a favourite couch – you could even get a special ‘reading beanbag’.
- Home isn’t the only place to read. Make an adventure of reading somewhere fun such as on the verandah, under a tree or in the local park.

Choosing what to read
Encourage your child to choose the things you read together. Read things your child really enjoys – so they learn to love reading! There are lots of things to read including:
- nursery rhymes
- story books
- factual books about world records, trivia and sports
- information books on dinosaurs or nature
- books you make together
- funny stories and poems
- riddles and jokes
- websites and book CDs
- movies and television shows that have been made into books
- newspapers, catalogues and magazines
- recipe books, street maps and dictionaries.

Make storytelling and reading fun
The way you read a story to your child can make a big difference to how much they enjoy it. These ideas will help you make storytelling more fun and help your child learn to love reading. You can use these ideas when your child reads to you.

Hope you have a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to working with you next term.

Regards

David Routh
Principal

Boardies Day – raised $204.30
Thank you to all who participated
Hello, the end of a busy term has come around so quickly. Teachers have been very busy completing units and assessment as well as checking progress of reading and spelling.

On a non-curriculum matter please keep long hair tied back and check your child/ren’s heads regularly as we once again have the scourge of headlice in the school.

We have also had several “bugs” going around causing headaches and vomiting. We try to have students practise good hygiene and a reminder to wash hands and cover mouths from home would be helpful.

Have a safe and happy Easter break and return refreshed for Term 2.

Yours in education
John Hancock
HOC/STLN

Dear Parents,

My name is Leigh Tankey and I am excited to be a part of the dedicated teaching team at Agnes Water. I have worked in Education Queensland in a variety of roles over the past fourteen years and am passionate about helping all students achieve their full potential.

As outlined in previous newsletters the Great Results Guarantee is a government initiative designed to make improvements in our state schools. I have commenced working with all staff on identifying areas of strength, and devising strategies to improve individual student achievement. Staff will be meeting regularly after school to collect and analyse student data, set goals based on this data, share teaching strategies that will enable students to meet these goals and then monitor our results to see if student achievement has improved. It is an exciting and energising process that will give teachers time and space to hold professional conversations and receive feedback from each other. Already staff have begun sharing a broad range of innovative strategies and their enthusiasm is to be commended. We will continue to update parents on the progress of this wonderful initiative and welcome any feedback or questions.

Yours in Education,
Leigh Tankey
Learning Enhancement Coach
ltank1@eq.edu.au
'Be the change you wish to see...'
AFL

Congratulations to Mason, Edwin and Kye for making the Bundaberg Primary School Sport AFL Zone team. The three boys travelled to Gayndah this week to compete against the best from the Maryborough, Hervey Bay, North Burnett and South Burnett regions. The boys gave a very good account of themselves with the Bundaberg team losing only one game against Hervey Bay. It was a fantastic achievement by our three boys to make it to this stage, showing their commitment by travelling to Bundaberg every Wednesday to train hard, in preparation for the Gayndah event. Mason went one step further by being selected for Wide Bay team to compete in Townsville in June. Players from this event will be selected to play for Queensland. We wish Mason all the best, as he, like the other two boys, are extremely skilled in the great team sport of Australian Rules Football. The whole Agnes Water school community are extremely proud of your achievements. Also special thanks must go to Shaun Stone from AFL Queensland for his continued support of our school. Shaun has been conducting Auskick clinics and supporting AFL in P.E for many years. As a result of this, we have had unprecedented success, with the Year 6/7 boys winning the Brisbane Lions Cup and competing at Childers for the regionals and the girls’ team competing extremely well, displaying their skills at St Luke’s Anglican School. Shaun will again be conducting Auskick on Friday afternoons during Term 2 and will be encouraging all children in our community to participate, as it is great exercise as well as being fun.

Yours in education
Richard Gourlay (Classroom Teacher, Agnes Water State School)
Assembly Awards

Week 8

Marley    For settling into school happily
Aria      Being persistent and not giving up when tasks are hard
Isabella  Good work in reading and writing
Darval    Fantastic work – Student of the week
Max       Fantastic work in writing
Angus     For a great result in the index notation fractions and the integers test and for being on task longer
Bailey    For having the confidence to assist others in science
Ruth      Good work in English rotations
Thorn     Working hard on your story writing
Lachlan   Awesome effort in homework and in the classroom
Shayla    For her consistent effort with all tasks
Alexandra Magic effort in reading
Selkie    Magic effort
Clementine For improved confidence and leadership
June      For super alphabet work

Week 9

June      Beautiful phone manners
Jackson   Being a great group worker
Ewan      Honesty – a fantastic trait to have
Lizzy     For helping a sick young student
Amy       Using extensive noun/verb groups, text connectives and prepositional phrases
Tiaani    Completing your tasks with very high capability
Codi      Fantastic reading
Keria     Being an awesome learner
Shyla     Fantastic handwriting
Lucy      Fantastic handwriting
Aria      For being so kind and considerate
Laef      Great effort writing an Imaginative piece
RUGBY LEAGUE

During the last few weeks of the term, several under 12 and under 10 Rugby League boys chosen by Mr Webster attended a trial selection for the Bundaberg Regional Football Representative Team for 2014.

The following students travelled to Bundaberg, Salters Oval to try out for selection:

*Back row left to right - Under 12’s: Kai, Dylan, Will and Angus.*

*Front row left to right - Under 10’s: Lachlan, Blake, Connor and Jackson.*

These young lads had to go up against some bigger competitors and there was only going to be 15 finalists. There were over 60 students competing in each year level. The trials were tough and the coaches were looking for the boys who were the roughest and toughest. Congratulations go to Lachlan, Connor and Jackson who made it through to the 2014 Reps Teams.

*Winners are grinners*
P&C News

The AGM held last Thursday received two new members to help out the P&C. Thank you to the following parents/teachers to help the P&C stay in our school for this year:

Shane Webster: President
No Vice President
Amy Bartlem: Treasurer
Chrissy Jackholme: Secretary

We would like to say a sincere thank you to Kelly Turnbull for being P&C President, and Patricia Martin for being Treasurer in 2013. Your tireless commitment has been highly rewarding by your dedicated achievements and we wish all the best in your new endeavours. The P&C have had many accomplishments over the years and these only happen because of dedicated parents who want to improve their children’s schooling life.

We still need parents to help this year with our commitment to make improvements in the following:

1. Wireless Access Points in the classrooms so students can access internet via the ipads
2. Sanitisers in classroom to help alleviate sickness/disease
3. Phonebooks for the community
4. Fete in Term 3
5. Mothers’ Day stall
6. 1770 festival market

Areas that the P&C have achieved:

- Improved business for Tuckshop
- Applied for a grant to put a new adventure playground in for all students
- Input $60 000 to the school to make improvements - reading books, computers, ipads
- Provided events for sports days
- Improved community relations with the school

These are just some of the areas that P&C make a difference for our school and can only happen with parents who are able to help out.

Please put your hand up to help us in those areas mentioned above:

Name: ............................................................

Date: ..............................

Area/s that you are to help out this year:

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Tuckshop News – 2nd April 2014
Debbie Ahern (Tuckshop Convenor) PH: 49749527 Wed – Friday

- The P&C AGM was held last Thursday. I would like to welcome the incoming Executive Members & look forward to working with them in 2014. It would be great if a Tuckshop Committee could be formed, so anyone interested please attend the next P&C meeting on 23rd April.
- I welcome any suggestions from Parents, Teachers & Students that might benefit the successful and efficient running of the Tuckshop.
- Any recipe ideas for the Menu will also be considered – note that they must meet the Smart Choices criteria.
- Cross country was postponed from 26th March due to wet conditions. Tuckshop Pre-orders that were received last week will be filled & delivered to students in House areas on Tuesday 2nd April. Tuckshop volunteers - Trish, Anita, Gloria & Taryn will be helping out with Tuckshop sales & BBQ on the Oval – their assistance is greatly appreciated!
- I wish to personally thank Anita for her assistance this Term and wish Anita, Mark and Hazel all the best with their new addition to the family (hopefully to arrive during the holidays)!
- If you wish to volunteer to help at Tuckshop next Term please contact me this week for inclusion in the new Roster. All new volunteers welcome!!

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FOR APRIL:

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CROSS COUNTRY

2014
RECORD BREAKERS

Mason – 13.37.20
Letitia – 16.49.14

Sharks - Participation

Winners
Mason, Ebony, Letitia, Rosie Moody, Alki and Jack.
2006 boys
Kody
Cooper
Eli

2003 girls
Letitia
Ella
Shayla

2003 boys
Alki
Luca
Rowan

2002/2001 girls
Lizzy
Rosie
Tahlia

2005 girls
Pixi
Caryss
Jet’amie

2004 boys
Jack
Lachlan
Connor
Winners – 2009
Josie
Lucy
Annabelle

Winners - 2008
Savannah
Annie
Hannah

Winners – 2007
Flynn
Maxi
Michael

2005 boys
Jackson
Jack
Tom

2004 girls
Ebony
Anisha
Amy

2007 girls
Sharni
Amanda
Ava

2006 girls
Krystal
Kia
Shylah

2008
Darcy
Ozzie
Marley

2009 boys
Mathew
Ryan
Annabelle