### Our School Leaders

Congratulations to our 2016 School Captains and Student Leaders.

**School Captain:** Amy Sevenson & Abbie Burton  
**Vice Captain:** Luca Doble & Lily Wilkinson  
**Student Leaders:**  
Ebony Cooper  Jet'Aime Robertson Cipak  
Karly Kapetanakis  Tom Moody  
Isabelle McIntosh  Caryss Parry  
Lizzie Lawson  Aleigha Millar

### Calendar of Events

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### First Day Snapshots
From the Principal
Welcome to our 2016 school year at Agnes Water State School. For a school that is only 25 years of age, we have a rich history of achievements, accomplishments and firsts. In 2016 our school intends to continue building upon this history and the immense work that was undertaken, particularly in 2015, to continue providing a high level of education for your children that is comparable to any location in our state. This year our school will refine our expectations and explore our practices through the three key priorities of Numeracy, Writing and Spelling. These three key priorities are our focus for common language across our classrooms, moderation of practice and professional development for our teachers and aides. Our leadership team of Leigh Tankey (Head of Curriculum), Tarnia Doughty (Master Teacher) and myself will be working in classrooms all year focusing on these three priorities to support a common expectation within our school.

Our school will continue the common practices around Homework, reading and curriculum understandings that we developed last year. Our Homework policy is available for parents on our school website. These practices and other expectations of the year will be explained further at our Parent Information Night on Tuesday 9 February. The information night will commence at 6:00pm in our school hall and followed by sessions in each of the Year 6 classes. Parents are invited to join us for both the whole school session and classrooms sessions on this evening.

Our parent information night is one way that we communicate with parents. Our newsletter is published fortnightly on Fridays and is available via email on the school’s website (agnewatess.eq.edu.au) through the QSchools App for Apple and Android or through hard copy if requested. We also publish additional information such as our school calendar and important documents including our tuckshop menu to our school website. Our school also has a Facebook Page that can be followed and includes reminders about upcoming events.

As a Principal, I am proud of our school and our achievements in the last twelve months, and acknowledge that we are still developing in some areas. The last twelve months helped us to acknowledge the many exceptional practices that we have within our school and we will continue to share these wonderful achievements with you. Recently our Year 1 teacher, Mrs Nyree Buchanan, has been acknowledged by our department and will be working with the School of Distance Education for 1 week at the end of February to provide support to their teachers, students and parents. Nyree is one of a team of 4 selected from the state to assist in running this program. Nyree will offer similar information sessions to our school community later in the year.

I look forward to another superb year at Agnes Water State School and hope to talk to many parents over the coming weeks.

Day 8 Enrolments
Our school will see an enrolment of 212 students on Day 8 next week. For families new to State Schooling, Day 8 is an important part of our annual funding and determines our staffing allocation and school funding for the year. At 212 enrolment, our school will sustain 9 classes for the year. The target class size for Year 4 to Year 6 is 28 or less and for Prep to Year 3 is 25 enrolments or less. Each of our classes are just under target size, meaning our class groupings will remain the same as published on day 1 unless we have 13 enrolments walk in the door in the next couple of days.

Before and After School Procedures
Our students have settled in nicely to our school year and it is timely to remind families about before school and after school expectations. These expectations are in place to help in providing a supervised environment for all children.

Before School
Prior to 8:30am: Students are to wait in the lower undercover area unless they are working with a staff member. Students can play handball or other quiet games in this area until the first bell.
8:30am – 8:40am: Students move to their classrooms and prepare for the school day. Our classroom teachers are also in their classes at this time.
8:40am: Students are in their classrooms ready to begin lessons.
The Prep playground is not to be used by students before the start of the school day.

After School
Students waiting for pickup are to be seated under the shaded tree in front of A Block. A staff member is on duty in this area. The Prep Playground can be used by
families, but supervision of children is the responsibility of parents.

It is important that any arrivals after 8:40am must be signed in to the office by a parent or guardian and any departures prior to 2:40 must be signed out. Parents are requested to come to the office for any early departures and students will be called to the office.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Agnes Water State School is a School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school. SWPBS is a data-based whole-school approach to explicitly teaching acceptable and appropriate behaviours. As a School-Wide Positive Behaviour school we understand that problem behaviour serves a purpose for students exhibiting these behaviours. The fastest way to turn problem behaviour around is by teaching students acceptable and appropriate ways to have their needs met.

“If a child doesn’t know how to read, we teach.”
“If a child doesn’t know how to swim, we teach.”
“If a child doesn’t know how to multiply, we teach.”
“If a child doesn’t know how to drive, we teach.”
“If a child doesn’t know how to behave, we......teach? ...punish?”

“Why can’t we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?”
(Herner, 1998)

SWPBS creates a safe and productive environment by:
- reducing disciplinary incidents
- reducing disruptions to learning
- supporting improved academic outcomes
- improving interpersonal relationships
- increasing students’ sense of belonging and safety
- improving attendance rates

At Agnes Water State School our 4 positively and clearly stated expectations are:
- I am Respectful
- I am Responsible
- I am Safe
- I am a Learner

Expected student behaviours are taught explicitly and consistently across the school. Expected student behaviours are rewarded directly using individual, class and school-wide acknowledgements including but not limited to; verbal praise, classroom incentive programs, Captain Starfish tokens, Student of the Week and Student of the Month awards. Failure to meet expected behaviours and consequences for these problem behaviours are defined clearly at an individual, classroom and whole-school level. Detailed information regarding managing behaviour at our school is able to be accessed in our Agnes Water State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

HOC News

Welcome back to an exciting new year of learning at Agnes Water State School. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new parents – becoming part of our school community will lead to many wonderful opportunities for your children.

In my role as Head of Curriculum I am looking forward to working with the staff of our lovely school to create a rigorous, interesting and relevant curriculum that will enable all children to flourish. I will work with parents in developing a strong partnership with our school through sharing our practices and seeking your feedback about the wonderful education we will provide for your children. As parents, you are your child’s first teacher. You know them better than anyone, so if you establish a strong, open line of communication with your child’s teachers, together you will work to give them their very best chance.

Australian Curriculum at Agnes Water State School

The wonderful thing about the Australian Curriculum is that as teachers we have the freedom to use the context of our town and school to create units of work that engage and extend students. As our students settle into their new classrooms, our teachers are all teaching a common unit of work called “How do I learn at Agnes Water State School?” This school unit is adapted by individual teachers to suit each year level, however this whole school approach ensures that in every classroom ALL students are learning about our school values and expectations. Each class is also choosing a School Pride Project – finding a special place in the school to improve and care for over the course of the year. It is also teaching them that they have strengths in different ways, as well as areas to work on improving.

“Celebrate what you want to see more of.” Tom Peters

What wonderful things can you see happening in our school? Once we start looking for the positives in a place it is amazing what we can find. During the last two days we have had excited prep students hunting around the school for the elusive green sheep from
the lovely Mem Fox story, calm and focussed year 3/4 students writing Bio poems to express their feelings and share who they are, 5/6 students being inspired to continue showing their leadership and finding ways to help our new students settle in. Teachers have spent so much time carefully creating beautiful classroom environments for their classes – please take the time to stop by and see their classrooms evolve as the weeks go by.

Please share what you see...email me at ltank1@eq.edu.au so we can all benefit from the dedication of our educators.

I look forward to continuing to be a part of this very professional, caring and inspiring team.

Some beautiful self portraits from Year 2/3. The year 2/3 students created self portraits to show everyone why they are special. They are hanging in their classroom with the lovely poem below.

Mirror Mirror on the wall
It does not matter if I am short or tall.
If I have skinny legs or my hips are wide,
It only matters what I am inside.
Blue eyes, brown eyes, black or green,
What makes me beautiful cannot be seen.
When you look at me, don’t judge me by my parts,
The most beautiful things about me is my heart.”

Yours in Learning,
Mrs Leigh Tankey

The inviting year one reading corner.

AW/1770 LITTLE ATHLETICS
AGM
will be held on
SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 9AM
at the
DISCOVERY COAST SPORT & REC
GROUNDS
Position of Centre Manager requires filling
ALL PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS ARE WELCOME
PHONE MELANIE: 0408 808 179 for details

SCHOOL BANKING
Don’t forget school banking is every Tuesday.

Dollarmites
2016 school calendar
Queensland state schools

There are 194 school days in 2016. Semester 1 2017 commences for teachers on January 19 and for students on January 23.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days for teachers are January 21-22, April 6-8, and October 17. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.
Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE
November 18 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 25 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 2. The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2015) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au
Dear Parents

1. Please provide two paper bags, one for little lunch and one for big lunch.

2. All Lunch orders must be pre-ordered.

3. Please write your child’s name, class, order and amount enclosed (also if change is required)

4. Please keep both bags together.

5. Please DO NOT staple or sticky tape bags shut.

6. Orders must be placed in the Tuckshop tray in the classroom before school starts.

7. If possible, please do not send large amounts of money in the orders as children have difficulty looking after the change.

The tuckshop cannot be held responsible for lost money.

What you can do as a Parent to support our Tuckshop

The tuckshop is a service provided for the children with the money made going towards much needed resources for Agnes Water State School.

Without volunteers, the tuckshop cannot continue to provide this service to our kids. If you would like to help in the tuckshop, be it one day a month or a couple of hours when you can, call in and see our convenor, Debbie Ahern for a chat.

Tuckshop days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Smart Choices
(Healthy Foods & Drink Supply Strategy for Qld Schools)

Queensland State School Tuckshops have in place a healthy, balanced eating plan. Guidelines are implemented towards:

Green: Food & drinks we encourage children to select most.

Amber: We encourage children to select small serves of these items.

Red: These foods are not available—Only allowed 2 days per semester!
### Sandwiches – GREEN
*(Available Both Lunch Breaks)*
*Served on Wholemeal Bread - No Butter or Margarine - Mayo is used with Salad items*

- Egg and Lettuce: $2.80
- Salad: $3.50
- Chicken/ Ham/ Tuna and Salad: $4.00

*WRAPS / ROLLS .... Add $.50*

### Salad Tubs – GREEN
*(Salad includes: Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese & Egg. Served with Mayo/Caesar Salad Dressing)*

- Garden Salad: $4.00
- Ham / Chicken / Tuna and Salad: $5.00
- Tuna / Chicken Pasta Salad: $5.00

### Snacks (Baked in Tuckshop)

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### Burgers - Green

- Chicken Burger (Lettuce & Mayo): $4.50
- Chicken Burger with Full Salad: $5.00

### Beef Burrito
*(Beef Mince/Lettuce/Tomato/Sour Cream on Toasted Wrap)*

- $5.00

### Chicken Wraps
*(Chicken Tender/Lettuce/ Sweet Chilli Sauce on Toasted Wrap)*

- $4.50

### Muffin Pizzas
*(Hawaiian / Margarita / BBQ, Chicken) Made with English Muffin*

- $3.00

### Jacket Potatoes
*(Choice of Toppings: Beef Mince / Chicken & Gravy / Baked Beans)*

- $3.50

### Frozen Snacks

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### Hot Food - 2nd Break Only - Amber

**180g Cruiser Beef Pie**: $3.50
**50g Snack Pie**: $1.30
**Chicken Goujons (Bag of 5)**: $3.00