Aitkenvale State School

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WELCOME TO WEEK 2 - A great start to the year and the students have been outstanding in getting themselves into school life with great manners, school pride and on show each day. Thanks to our great teachers and of course wonderful parents for making our start one to remember. Impressive to say the least. Our PREPPIES have all settled in and look wonderful in their school uniforms. There were a few tears the first week and few tissues used however all MUMS and DADS are now OK and happy to send their littlies off to school. Aitkenvale State School truly is a great school community.

SCHOOL PARKING – Throughout the first week of the term most of our parent and carers have been doing the right thing and parking in designated areas around our school. I do understand parking can be a problem at the busier times of the day however some people are choosing to park their cars on the footpath. This practice is not only illegal but it places students in danger of being run over or blocking safe walking space on the footpath. The police have been notified and will be patrolling the school to ensure this practice ceases for the safety of our young ones.

DAY 8 ENROLMENTS - This Thursday all state schools across Queensland are required to enter student enrolment numbers for staffing. Our school will, as always, work hard to keep class sizes and composite classes to a minimum. Our current numbers are pleasing so we shouldn’t be forced to make too many class changes come week 3. As the Principal of Aitkenvale State School I am committed to keeping any disruption to students and their families to a minimum.

JEWELLERY – Over the past week and the start to the 2017 school year I have noticed a few students wearing earrings, necklaces and bangles to school. Please remember Aitkenvale State School has a clear student jewellery policy and some of the jewellery worn does not meet the guidelines within the policy. Students are permitted to wear stud or sleeper earrings. Bangles, necklaces or dangling earrings are not permitted at school. This policy is to comply with dress standards however it is more importantly tied to student safety.

THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL - Getting settled into a new school year is very important. We aim to make our students feel comfortable and successful in their new year level and classroom. Sometimes moving to a new year level can be a bit scary for students and they begin to doubt that they can handle the work or habits that will now be required.

Teachers use the first few weeks to develop confidence in students and to gradually introduce them to the new work or expectations that are part of growing up and moving on. At this stage, teachers are designing programs that allow students to experience success as well as practicing both old and new routines. Teachers are currently working on developing a picture of the capabilities of each student. Lots of assessment happens at the beginning of the year so that we gain an understanding of what your child already knows and what skills they need to develop or refine. Teachers can then use this information to develop programs that provide support and challenges for every student. Our curriculum is designed around building upon what a child already knows and using this to create opportunities to learn and discover.
ideas and activities. Getting to know your child and ensuring that they are settled into their new class and feeling confident are very important first steps for teachers.

MOBILE PHONES - At Aitkenvale State School we understand that mobile phones fill a need for some families, especially in relation to the occasional issues that arise with before or after school safety and communication. There are a number of issues associated with mobile phones at school. These include security, interruptions to class programs, inappropriate use or overuse. Due to these issues, we prefer that students do not bring mobile phones to school.

If, however, you do require your student to have a mobile phone at school the following procedures apply:

1. You child must hand their mobile into the front office where it will be signed in and kept securely for the school day. The phone can be collected at the end of the school day.

2. Students who breach this requirement will be subject to our normal Student Behaviour Management consequences.

3. Any phone calls, which students need to make, must be made through the Front Office. Should you need to get in contact with your child, then this should be done through the Front Office. One of our Front Office staff will get the message to your child.

We hope parents appreciate the stance the school has to take on mobile phone use and actively support the above school procedures.

SUN SAFETY – Please remember that caps are not permitted at school. Bucket hats or wide brimmed hats are sun safe and offer protection to young skin and are the preferred option at Aitkenvale State School. Our school bucket hats are available from our office. THIS WEEKS PROVERB – “EVERY STICK HAS TWO ENDS!”

Thanks for reading - Mr B - Principal

EVENTS

P & C Meeting  3:30PM  8 February
Parent Information Sessions  9 February
Swimming Wk 6-10  27 February
Interhouse Swimming Carnival  24 February
Arts Council  01 March

The Ross River Junior FC are now accepting registrations online for the 2017 Season. We are inviting players from 5 to 16 years of age for teams in the 2017 season. For any further details please call our Registrar on 0412 583 532 and/or email rossriverregistrar@gmail.com or Club Secretary on 0448 019 872.

WULGURU UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
SIGN ON AND TRAINING
JUNIOR TRAINING Thursday 2nd Feb 4.30pm
JUNIOR INFO PH 0415 967 867 (Alma)
SENIOR TRAINING MEN, LADIES AND U18 COLTS
6.15PM FOR 6.30 START TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
SENIOR INFO PH 0415 305 705 (Dave)
WULGURU CLUBHOUSE
EDISON ST, WULGURU

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**Attendance**

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.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:
- birthdays or shopping
- visiting family and friends or if they sleep in
- looking after other children
- minor check ups or care, such as hair cuts.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:
- 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

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**MUSIC**

Welcome back to music! It’s so great to see so many exited students for our music lessons.

The music program has changed this year for classroom lessons and Instrumental. Please take note of these changes.

- Miss Blatch: Wed, Thurs, Friday
- Strings: Tuesdays
- Woodwind: Miss Belford - Mondays
- Percussion: Mr Brunskill - Mondays

More information regarding the instrumental program, and our Junior and senior choirs will be available next week. Students are to become familiar with their timetable over the next few weeks. For equipment requirements, students will find out more from their instramental teacher in their lessons.

Yours in Music,

Miss Blatch

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**What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?**

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but......

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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

*That’s when every minute counts the most!!*
PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS - Thursday 9 February 2017

We are inviting all parents and caregivers to attend an information session with their child’s classroom teacher, in this session topics such as curriculum, expectations, procedures and programs will be discussed. This is not an opportunity to discuss individual children’s needs; we encourage you to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss any issues.

Each teacher/cohort will present a 30min presentation consecutively over a 2 hour period. The timetable for each teacher/cohort will run as follows:

Session 1  3:00PM
Session 2  3:45PM
Session 3  4:30PM

The break in between will allow for 5 min of questions and time to move from one session to the next. Running the sessions this way will allow you to attend more than one child’s information sessions on the one night. The sessions will be held in your child’s classroom. We hope to see you all there.

Please phone the school office on 44 212 33 if you have any questions or concerns.

PLEASE NOTE

PARADE – Our next parade will be on Friday 3 February, 2017. Parade will commence at 8:30am. We look forward to your attendance.

SCHOOL TIMES – Please remember that school starts at 8:20am and finishes at 2:35pm. Please ensure your children arrive and are collected on time.

ABSENTEE NOTIFICATIONS – Did you know that you can now notify the school of a student’s absence via email? Simply send an email to: absent@aitkenvale.eq.edu.au giving us the name of the student, their class, the dates they will be absent and the reason for their absence. Alternatively you should ring the office on: 4421 2333 to notify us of any student absences.

SCHOOL GATES – Our school gates will now be locked from 9:00am. Access to school grounds will only be via the administration entrance.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PDM  Meila G.
PKH  Thomas S.
PJH  Fadak H.
1CT  Malikai C.
1EP  Lauren P.
1KF  Mackenzie P.
2KB  Zaiden P.
2DP  Yasmin D.
2JH  Luke C.
3NC  Whole Class
3DL  Tyson S.
3KH  Dante R.
4CM  Kai S.
4KM  Mariyan A.
4LS  Mhaja C.
4TP  Madison L.
5AD  Jayden R.
5TH  Aimee B.
5/6JB  Mia M.
6DC  Lily T.
6OS  Justice S.
EALD 1  Masu’d M.
EALD 2  Felix B.
EALD 3  Nathan M.
EALD 4  Deborah S.

Dates to remember
8 Feb Book Club Orders Due
6 – 10 March Book Fair

Student library borrowing will start next week. All students are reminded that they require a bag when they borrow from the library. Books will be borrowed out for one week. If the book is not returned the following week, a new book cannot be borrowed. If the book is not returned after 3 weeks, an invoice for the replacement cost of the book will be posted home. The library is open every Big Lunch, 10:40-11:10 for students to play assorted board games, read, colour in and on some occasions watch a movie. Book Club has been sent home this week. All orders must be in by Wednesday 8 Feb. Please bring the orders to the library (with correct money) or leave it at the office. Books normally turn up one week after we have placed the order. Once the books arrive at school, the student is called to the library to collect them. If you don’t want your child collecting the order (might be a surprise present), please attach a note to the order.

Happy reading
Lisa Pridmore
Library Teacher Aide.
Interhouse Swimming Carnival
Aitkenvale State School Pool
Friday 24th of February 2017
Session one 9.00am-10.15am year 4, 5 and 6
Session two 11.30am-12.45pm year 2 and 3
Session three 1.30pm-2.30pm year prep and 1
Please make sure all your children's belongings are clearly named.
If you are available to help out as a timekeeper for session one and session two please contact Mr Doran at the school on PH 44212333.
FREE for PARENTS

We can't WADE the whole thing about anything!

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Where: Centacare NQ, 410 Ross River Road, Cloncurry

When: Multiple dates & times available. To be confirmed when you register.

Morning/Afternoon tea provided & handouts

Call Centacare on 47753000 or email els@centacareng.org.au to register as soon as possible so you don't miss out.

THE STRONG 6 PROJECT
CREATING STRONG, HEALTHY & SAFE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

123 Healthy Parenting Coaching is a 4 x 3 hours a week parenting program training key ideas about children's abilities, the common problems parents face and ways to help make parenting enjoyable.

It is for parents of children aged 3 to 12 years.

Circle of Security Parenting Program is an 8 x 2 hours a week parenting program designed to provide a safe and exciting context for caregivers to explore parenting.

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