



15th March 2024

Hello everyone and welcome to the end of week 8. Our students have been very busy beginning to complete end of term assessments and NAPLAN tests. With two weeks to go we look forward to Easter and Cross Country events.

Celebrations

I was walking around the school inside classrooms and at lunches this week and there is a growing sense of pride and enthusiasm from the students around the school. The students are lovely and are enjoying their lunches and classrooms activities at school with more happiness and joy. It makes us all very proud. There is still a journey to go but we (staff and parents) are working together to bring more excitement and joy to school.

Thank you

I would like to thank all staff, parents and students for your efforts helping complete NAPLAN. It takes a lot of work from everyone and it has been completed smoothly and professionally from all involved.

I would also like to continue to thank the parents and students who are coming up and talking to me nicely and sharing ways we can improve. There is a lovely community here and we need more and more people involved and coming to talk to us all.

Our parent/teacher interviews were a huge success. Again it is the efforts made from our wonderful staff and our parents who are working together to improve each child's education.

Behaviour/Engagement

Behaviour incidents are down across the board with our continuing focus to improve the ways in which our boys in years 3 and 4 deal with difficult situations and classroom expectations. I will be working with staff over the next two weeks to set in place action plans that we will tackle from the very start of next term.

English/Engagement

You will see a large focus on engagement within our teaching and learning from the beginning of next term. As a staff we will be aligning our planning to ensure that our student voice is being heard, students will be asked to contribute more often throughout lessons and be exposed to various ways of engagement during their learning time. More news around this focus area will follow from the beginning of next term onwards.

Please have a lovely weekend and enjoy your time with your beautiful children.

Regards

Matt Andrews

Acting Principal



Date Claimers

- Zoo to You (Prep) - 27th March
- Last day term 1 - Thursday 28th March
- Term 2 begins - 15th April
- Swimming - Yrs 1 & 2 Week 1 commencement
- School Photos—2nd May

Year 1

Last Friday Year 1 braved the rain and went on our Lake Barrine excursion.

We had a wonderful time exploring the habitats out there. We saw lots of turtles, an amethystine python, and an eel. Some of us even got the chance to drive the boat.

1A have achieved their Cob Cash reward and celebrated with a picnic and 1B are celebrating today with their class party. What an amazing achievement from all our students.

As the term begins to draw to a close, we are very busy with assessment and events. We have the Cross Country coming up next Friday the 22nd of March, and then on the last day of school, Thursday the 28th of March, we will be joining in the Easter Hat Parade. We would love to see all our families and carers there. Please see information about this from your classroom teacher.

Mrs Millar, Miss Norris and Mrs Cifuentes.



SCHOOL SWIMMING

Term 2 - 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B

Term 3 - 3A, 3B and 3,4C

Term 4 - Prep A and Prep 1



Years 4 & 5

Today marked the beginning of NAPLAN assessments for our Year 5 students, and they approached the writing task with great determination. These assessments will continue throughout this week and the next.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have already attended Parent-Teacher Interviews this week! It's been fantastic to discuss the impressive achievements of our students during the 1st term. If you missed out on a Parent-Teacher Interview, please get in touch with your child's classroom teacher to arrange a meeting.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be focusing on assessments across all Key Learning Areas (KLAs). Regular attendance is crucial during this period to ensure that students can perform at their best and confidently demonstrate their understanding and growth. We greatly appreciate your continued support in prioritizing attendance.

Warm regards,

Ms. Hapgood (Year 4), Mrs. Brind-House (Year 4/5), and Mrs. Hook (Year 5/6)

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Year 2

What a great time we are having in Year 2! We have continued to be very busy, with quite a few fabulous projects underway. In Science, we have started constructing our lunchboxes. We are combining two different materials to make a lunchbox that is strong and waterproof. They are coming along nicely and we are very excited to see how they go when we test them out! Stay tuned for those results. All term in English, we have been preparing ourselves to become authors...and we are doing it! We have done our plans, and are now working hard on writing and editing our short stories. They are all very different and all very entertaining...with major complications to be resolved! Our next step is publishing. Yes, we are creating our very own picture books, complete with covers, a title page and maybe even end papers. We can't wait to show them off when they are finished. Both 2A and 2B reached their Glory Goal and celebrated with their chosen reward last week. 2A had a wet and wonderful water play afternoon, while 2B had a marvellous movie matinee. We are very happy with how hard the Year 2 children are working on being safe, respectful learners. The term has been flying by, but we still have lots going on before the end of term. The Cross Country is next week, Friday March 22nd, and some of our students have been training in preparation for the big race. We would love to see you there to cheer on your child. We also have our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of school, Thursday March 28. Please start collecting some Easter 'bits and pieces' that can be used to decorate your child's Easter hat. We will be doing this at school, in the days before the Parade.

Mrs Blooranta, Mrs Milson & Mrs Rock

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Prep Year

Wow only 2 weeks left of term 1! All the students have amazed Miss Toni and myself at how much they've grown this term.

The students are getting more confident with their writing and letter formation. We practice this every morning.

The students have been busy planning Nip the Crocodile's birthday party, which is linked to our HASS unit. They have made a crocodile pinata and coloured in their own birthday hats. The students have discussed what games will be playing and they even make their own invitations and birthday cards. Next week the students will be helping Miss Toni make a crocodile cake and party decorations. They are all so excited!



Just a reminder that Zoo to You is coming to visit our prep student in week 10. Hopefully they will bring a real-life Nip that our students can observe. Please sign permission notes and pay by next Friday.

Just a reminder that Prep class will align with the rest of the school next term and open our doors at 8:40. If you require to drop your child early, they can be left at the Tuckshop area.

Mrs Green & Miss Toni

Hello everyone.

My name is Marina Woods and I am a Jirrbal woman from Ravenshoe.

Some of the things I am passionate about is Education and my Culture.

I have just started at Atherton State Primary School as a Community Education Counsellor.

I feel very excited starting my new position in this role.

My role as a Community Education Counsellor is to provide education support to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families through the schooling process, promote cultural awareness and assist in building positive relationships within the school and the schools community. Through the role I hope to achieve the best possible outcome possible in terms of education.

My roster days are three day a fortnight. So, Tuesday and Wednesday next week and Tuesday the following week and I can be contacted through the office.

I look forward to getting to know you all and our students.



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Year 3

3A

In 3A we have reached our goal, one thousand, one hundred and eleven. I brought chocolate mud cake to the class party. Now we have a new Cob Cash goal! It is one thousand, five hundred and fifty-five and we are doing opposite day for it. I can't wait.

We have been learning many new things, like in English we are writing information reports. We have already written two and now we are doing our third. In Science we have been learning about animal groups such as fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We have been learning how to touch type. We all have class jobs like tuckshop box monitor and whiteboard wiper. NAPLAN is coming up and so is Cross Country. Soon it will be the holidays and after that it will be ANZAC day.
Written by Willow & Noah



3B

This term in 3B we have been doing lots of writing in English. We are writing an information report about wallabies or echidnas. Today we did NAPLAN. We have reached our Cob Cash goal on our Glory chart and we are voting for what our class reward is going to be. We are going to do Cross-Country next week on Friday. In Maths we are playing Battleships. On Monday we have Mrs Rock teaching our class and every other

Prep/1

Hi Everyone, It's celebration time!

Prep/Year 1 students have been working hard and received their Cob Cash reward which they chose as a Teddy Bear Day. In conjunction with that we celebrated our classroom teddy bear Benjamin's 5th birthday and had a party. Celebrations is a part of HASS. The day started with a story about the Teddy Bear's Picnic. They then coloured a teddy to match the teddy they brought with them that day with some writing. There were some teddy songs and dancing. Then they decorated a papier mache teddy and we sang Happy Birthday and had cake with Benjamin Bear. For Maths they did teddy colour the numbers, dot to dot and cut and paste. We ended the day with cleaning and tidying up our area to help look after and care for our environment and then a game of pass the parcel. I would also like to celebrate some awesome writing by the Year 1's and their excursion to Lake Barrine. We always look forward to seeing you at school.



Thank you and happy learning, Mrs Kehrer and Miss Davies

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