Learn an Instrument in 2017!

Positions in the 2017 ATIM Program are still available on the following instruments:

Woodwind: Flute, Saxophone
Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba

If you would like your child to be considered for selection, please email eanth7@eq.edu.au to request an Expression of Interest form, or collect one from your school office.

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Super Learners
Princess Victoria raised over $900 for Read-a-thon. Well done Princess Victoria

First assembly for 2017

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***Relief Teacher Aides***

Are you interested in being a relief teacher aide for our school? Please email your resume to: admin@athertonss.eq.edu.au or drop it in to the office.

Please Note: a current Blue Card is essential.

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Principal’s Report

3rd February 2017

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our students, families and staff, especially the new families to our school.

We have enjoyed a relatively calm and positive start to 2017. Students has commenced learning from day one with a focus on our learning routines (bookwork, learning and listening) as well as our social routines (playground behaviour, lining up and moving between buildings and classes). I am very pleased with the way our students are ready to learn, their overall behaviours within the school and their approaches to learning within the classroom. Atherton Primary School has grown in 2017 with at present 488 children enrolled at the school.

Welcome to our new Staff

A number of new staff members have joined Atherton State School this year. They include:

- Mrs Brind-House—Teacher Year 5
- Mr Task—Music Teacher
- Mrs Kootoofa—Reading Support Teacher
- Miss Norris—Teacher Year 1

I would like to welcome our new staff to our school.

Same Day Absence Notification

Commencing this year all state schools are required to notify parents by 12noon if their child is absent from school without an explanation. To assist with this process Atherton SS is utilizing a text messaging service to notify parents if their child is away from school without an explanation. Each day the school office will electronically collate the names of children who are absent without an explanation and will send a message to families via a text message. Families are able to reply to the text message with a reason for their child’s absence. Parents are urged to contact the school by phone or email absences@athertonss.eq.edu.au by 9am on the same day if their child is away. The text message service should not be relied upon by families as the only means of informing the school when their child is away.

Family Contact Details

As it is the start of a new school year it is important to check that the school has the most up to date contact details on our system. Mobile phone numbers and addresses do change for families throughout the year, particularly over the holiday season. It is vital that the school has the most up to date phone and address records for your children. If your child is sick or injured at school we need to be able to contact you immediately thus the most up to date contact details are critical.

2017 School Leaders

Our 2017 School Leaders were elected late in 2017. They are as follows:

- School Leaders: Captains—Miah Cox & Noah Blooranta
- Mapel Captains—Amy O’Sullivan and Ryan Fraser
- Penda Captains—Shay-Lee Thomas and Adam Keevers
- Walnut Captains—Vithja Juggernath and Caylen McHardie
- Cedar Captains—Alyssa-Maree Heath and Seth Herbohn

The leaders will be formally inducted on Monday 20th February. All parents, guardians and friends of the school are invited to this special ceremony.

Air-Conditioning

Later this term the install of air-conditioning throughout the school will commence. Last year the school secured $1.7million in funding to install the air-conditioning. The installation will commence mid-March and will continue through until early July. It is anticipated each classroom block will take around 2 weeks to install the air-conditioning. Classes will relocate to spare classrooms around the school while air-conditioning is installed in their block to ensure interruptions to learning are kept to a minimum.

School Resources

A number of students have commenced school this year without their school books or have a very limited supply of school books. I urge parents and guardians to ensure their child has the required books from the school book list as soon as possible. Booklists are available from the school office or any newsagent in Atherton. I would like to thank the families that have supplied all required materials for their child this year.

M r Shirley & Ms Jones

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Coming Soon

15 February P&C Meeting—6.30pm
20 February Leaders’ Induction Assembly
28 February School Photos

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Wow, haven’t these two weeks flown! Year 2’s have dived into the new school year and are powering down the learning highway. We are all enjoying exploring stories and discovering the elements that make a great narrative. Homework in year 2 reflects spelling and reading strategies covered in class and is also an opportunity to consolidate concepts taught. Well done to those homework heroes who are getting into the routine and making a great start. During these last two weeks we have been revising Number Fact strategies for quick recall and working on routines and making a great start. During these last two weeks we have taught. Well done to those homework heroes who are getting into the routines and making a great start. During these last two weeks we have taught.

Year 5

Year 5 have hit the ground running and are working extremely hard. Their behaviour is exemplary and are fantastic role models for P1L and our school. This year we welcome Mrs Samantha Brind-House to our school in year 5. Ms Christine McAluffie, who is on leave and returns Monday is also looking forward to working with year 5 this year. Along with Mrs Karen Allen and Miss Kim Schulte the teachers are expecting that 2017 will be fantastic and full of learning and fun. We thank Ms Anna Corcoran for working with 5C for the first two weeks, and hope that she has enjoyed her time as much as the students.

This term year five classes are exploring fantasy novels and working towards writing their very first chapter. Our Science Unit explores how animals and plants adapt to their environment and the behavioural and physical characteristics that are important to survival. We will also be taking a walk in time to Australia’s secondary settlements during History. Students this year also begin their study into the Japanese language during LOTE.

Although we will offer formal Parent/Teacher interviews later in the term, now is the perfect chance for parents to come and see your child’s teacher to discuss any needs or concerns. No one knows your child better than you!

Year 6

Welcome to Year 6. This term, students will be studying the language features and structure of short stories in English. By the end of the term, we are going to have written our own stories and hopefully will have shared them with others in the school. Our school camp this year will be the 28th February to the 3rd of March. All three classes will be travelling together this year. This year will be a wonderful camp where the students will learn a lot. Our science experiments have started off very well with students learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We have undertaken our first investigation this week. We have been looking at the conditions under which melting may or may not occur with different materials. We are now spending some time in the other year 6 classrooms to complete their History unit. Half of the students are with Mrs de Kroon and the other half are with Mr Fisher. This creates the time for me to be able to take the year 5’s for their History lessons.

We have an upcoming camp for the year 6’s towards the middle of this term. They will be heading out to the Tinaro Environmental Education Centre for 4 days and 3 nights. The forms for this camp have been sent home with the year 6’s today, so keep and eye out for them on the kitchen bench. If they do not turn up, you may need to prompt your child to take them out of their bag. We need them back as soon as possible, so that the teachers can begin our side of the paper work. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Have a wonderful weekend.

Prep D

Welcome to all the students in Prep D. I am very excited to be teaching your child this year. In class we have started looking at stories in English and for our assessment this term in maths is sorting objects, so the preppies have been busy sorting lots of things. We have started looking at stories in English and in Maths we have been looking at data. The class has been investigating, interpreting and creating some great graphs and tables from our data collections and then answering some questions in relation to this data. We have looked specifically at two-way tables, side by side column graphs and dot plots. Science has been interesting us with becoming ‘Change Detectives’, investigating the changes that take place with different materials, in particular solids, liquids and gases. We have undertaken our first investigation this week. We have been looking at the conditions under which melting may or may not occur with different materials. We are now spending some time in the other year 6 classrooms to complete their History unit. Half of the students are with Mrs de Kroon and the other half are with Mr Fisher. This creates the time for me to be able to take the year 5’s for their History lessons. We have an upcoming camp for the year 6’s towards the middle of this term. They will be heading out to the Tinaro Environmental Education Centre for 4 days and 3 nights. The forms for this camp have been sent home with the year 6’s today, so keep and eye out for them on the kitchen bench. If they do not turn up, you may need to prompt your child to take them out of their bag. We need them back as soon as possible, so that the teachers can begin our side of the paper work. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Have a wonderful weekend.