



## Principal's Report

29th March 2018

### Year 4 class restructure

Due to very large class sizes in our year 4 cohort we will be creating a new year 4 class at the school from term 2 onwards. I would like to thank parents and guardians of year 4 children for their support of the school during term 1 this year while we managed the large class sizes in year 4. I commend Mrs Brown and Mrs Hook on their teaching this term considering the additional complexities the large class sizes created. From term 2 we will welcome Mrs Angela Willians to our school. Mrs Willians will be teaching the newly created year 4 class at the school for the remainder of 2018. The school does not anticipate any further changes to the year 4 class structures this year. In creating a new year 4 class at the school the two existing classes have been split. As such a number of students have moved to the new class. The new year 4 class will be established in the spare classroom next to Mrs Quadrio and Miss Mackley's classes in J Block.

### Cross Country

Our interschool Cross Country carnival was held at Atherton SS last Friday. It was a very enjoyable morning with some great participation and effort by the children. I would like to thank Mr Holcroft and the school staff for their assistance in running this year's Cross Country. Special congratulations to the age champions:

Prep — Aidan G and Adaliya A

Year 1 — Jacob BP & Zendaya BM

Year 2 — Jeremiah A & Breea S

2009 — Tyson L & Heather A

2008 — Chet L & Elizabeth RE

2007 — Jacob M and Jess D

2006 — Nathaniel R & Jessica S

2005 — Neville L & Breanne W

Congratulations to Cedar House who are the 2018 Cross Country champions this year by just 13 points. Special congratulations to the age champions.

### Tuckshop

Recently the P&C Association made the decision to reduce the opening hours of the school Tuckshop due to the existing opening hours not being financially sustainable. This decision was not made lightly and was based on advice from independent auditors. Without reducing the opening hours the Tuckshop would face substantial financial difficulty. The decision to reduce the hours was made unanimously by the school's P&C committee after lengthy, careful consideration and consultation over multiple scheduled meetings. From term 2 the school Tuckshop will be open mornings only on Wednesday to Friday Recess 1 only from 8.15am-11.40am. I would like to thank Julie and Naomi, our outgoing Tuckshop conveners, for their commitment to the Tuckshop and the school over the many years that they have worked and volunteered at the school Tuckshop. Thank you ladies. The P&C will be reviewing the applications and holding interviews for the Tuckshop convener position over the school holidays to ensure the Tuckshop is staffed for the start of term 2.

### Netball Update

Last week Taheesha B, Capri F and Charlotte P travelled to Cairns to participate in Peninsula Region Netball trials. Thank you to Miss Norris for coaching the girls and escorting them to the trials. I would like to congratulate Taheesha who has been selected into the Peninsula Netball Team and will now travel to Brisbane to compete at the State titles. Capri was also selected into the Marlin Coast Netball team and will travel to Mackay later in the year. Congratulations girls.

### Congratulations Jordan

I would like to congratulate year 5 student Jordan C who recently entered a competition at our local IGA. Jordan created a poster highlighting the importance of reducing society's use of plastic bags. Jordan's poster was awarded 1st place in the competition earning himself a \$50 prize and also a substantial \$500 donation to the school P&C. Congratulations Jordan.

### Long Service Leave

Our School's Officer Jay Kelman and our Teacher Librarian Brent Gargen will enjoy some much deserved long service leave during term 2. Jay and his family will be travelling around the country in their new caravan; Brent and his wife will be travelling to Europe to enjoy the Spring delights of that wonderful region. Enjoy your travels Jay and Brent.

### School Holidays

I would like to wish the Atherton State School community a happy and safe holiday period. School closes on Thursday afternoon 29th March and reopens on Tuesday 17th April. Monday 16th April is a Student Free Day for all State schools in Queensland this year due to the Commonwealth Games.

*Nicholas Shirley, Principal*



## Year 5

Can you believe it is the end of Term 1 already? It has been an eventful start to the year but extremely rewarding. It has been amazing to watch the children in all the classes grow and succeed during the term.

It was great to see so many of the Year 5's participating in the Cross County last Friday!

We would like to wish you all a very safe & enjoyable holiday. Make sure you all rest, relax and are ready to get back into learning on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Ms Day, Mrs Brind-House & Mrs Hanson

*Due to changes being implemented next term at the Tuckshop, We are heading off to greener pastures. We would like to say a huge thankyou to staff and parents that have supported us over the years. A special thankyou to those of you that have volunteered at one time or another. It's been a real pleasure getting to know you all and we wish the tuckshop every success in the future.*

*Cheers Julie and Naomi*



## PREP

Last Monday, we went on a very interesting excursion to find some farm animals! Firstly, we went to the agricultural centre at the high school and saw goats with baby goats, chickens, cows and bees. We got to try some honey straight off the comb and we had delicious homemade scones with jam and cream for morning tea!

Afterwards, we ventured over to Malanda to the vet clinic where we saw sick and injured dogs being treated. We practised bandaging each other up and we saw some cows being checked by the practise vets. We were then lucky enough to have pork sausages on bread for our lunch before we back to school. It was a wonderful day!



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Last Friday our Under 12's Atherton District Netball team travelled to Cairns to play in a carnival. Our team of 10 consisted of girls from ASPS, TSS, ASHS and MSS. The girls all played extremely hard winning 4 out of 6 games. We had 3 girls go on to be selected into the top 25 who returned on Sunday for selection into a team of 10. Two out of these three girls were selected in the team of 10. Congratulations to Taheesha who was successfully selected and will travel



to Brisbane later in the year. Congratulations also to Capri who was selected in top 25.

Capri has achieved something wonderful outside of school netball.

Last weekend Capri was selected in the Marlin Coast Academy u12s team which will travel to Mackay later this year to play in the NQ Games. A great effort from two talented netballers in our school.

## Year 1

Term 1 is now complete!

What a great time we have had in Year 1.

Today was our Easter Hat Parade. Congratulations to all the students and parents who took the time to create some wonderful masterpieces.

We would like to say a big thank you to any parents who have helped out within our rooms this term. This help is certainly invaluable and we welcome any time you can give us.

Enjoy your holidays and rest up for what is sure to be an exciting Term 2.

*Miss Norris, Ms Sullivan and Mrs Milson.*

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**Time:** 3:45 - 5:15 pm  
**Cost:** Free

Activities are run by the Tableland National Park Volunteers along with Queensland Parks and Wildlife rangers. Please note that volunteers possess 'working with children' blue cards. Parents are welcome to stay for the sessions if they wish.

For further information and to enrol, contact Jodie 40918102 or email [Jodie.eden@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:Jodie.eden@des.qld.gov.au). As we only take 15 children per program, please enrol early to secure a place!

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