



4 September 2020

School Photo's, Pupil Free Day, Student Council Meetings, Fathers Day Raffle, ICAS competitions.... Just a few of the things we have been doing at Atherton State School since the last newsletter. Term 3 is always a busy term and this term is no exception. In the coming weeks we will be having a Free Dress Day, Under 8's day and a book fair!

This term the staff have been having an In-depth look at how we teach writing at Atherton State School. This has been a fantastic process and has enabled us to plan an Explicit Improvement Agenda for Writing. This will see us working on building routines for daily writing and beginning to work on the teaching of vocabulary this year.

It is also that time of the year when we begin to plan some of our end of year events including our Yr 6 Graduation. I am currently working with the teachers to decide what this will look like this year. We are committed to having a graduation however it will be different to previous years as we have to follow COVID safe guidelines around social distancing for adults and, if we serve food, a COVID-19 safe Industry Plan. We will keep families informed as we progress our planning around this.

Next week will see a small change to staffing as Mr Brian Reeves (LOTE teacher) returns to Atherton State High School. Mrs Sam Brindhouse will be taking over and providing a cultural program to the students. We look forward to sharing the exciting learnings of these students next term.

As a school community it is important that we continue to support each other and have our children's lives and school year be as normal as possible. I thank parents for their support and compliance with our COVID-19 restrictions. In particular, it is crucial that adults

Refrain from entering the school unless to visit the office

Encourage your children to follow hygiene practices

Keep children at home if they are unwell

If you don't currently follow our Facebook page I would like to encourage you to do so. We have been working hard to share lots of the fantastic things happening at Atherton State School on our page and it is a great way to keep up with what is happening in our school. Last week we put up a link to a survey for parents to find out what we are doing well in Prep and things we could do to make it better. Thanks to all who took the time to respond. What did some of our parents say about the great things we do in Prep.

"Teaching children how to read" "Committed and experienced teachers" "Wide range of subjects taught" "Helping children out of their shell and working with them to be the best they can be" "Teaching the children to be creative"

This is great feedback and we look forward to working with the community to offer the best possible educational opportunities in Prep.



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Helen Foulger
Principal, Atherton State School

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| <i>3rd Denise</i> | <i>4th Ashton</i> | <i>(Year 3)</i> |
| <i>5th Salynthia</i> | <i>Voucher Allyriah</i> | <i>(Prep)</i> |

Year 1

English

We have been writing procedures in our classrooms and getting very good at making sure our instructions start with verbs. It's been great to see the students adding adjectives and adverbs to make their writing really interesting. They have to be sure the steps are in the right order. If you are making something crafty or cooking in the kitchen, ask your child to join you as you follow the procedure.

Health

We have spent several lessons discussing and explaining ways we keep safe in the car, as a passenger and as a pedestrian. It was great to have the Fire Officers visit us and to consider fire safety in our homes. The challenge for the students in this unit of work was to consider what self-help strategies they use when they are in unsafe situations.

Science

A big thank you to the families who helped our Year 1's create such wonderful dioramas to support the students in their Science knowledge and understanding of the concepts of sky, landscapes and environments.

Classroom Supplies

Some children are in need of school supplies to help them with their class work. Please check with them the supplies they may need. Most of them need glue, coloured pencils or lead pencils to last them till the rest of the year.

Thank you, Ms Sullivan and Mrs Milson



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Year 5

A note went home earlier this week about **Senior Shirts in 2021**. Order and payment is due **Wednesday 16th September**. Make sure to place an order so your child doesn't miss out!

Students have been working hard in Media. They have completed **Part A**, which involves them analysing stop motion animations and the use of sound and light. They are now working on **Part B** of the assessment, creating a stop motion animation! We are excited to see what they can create.

We have two weeks left until the holidays! (Yay!) Students will be busy working on their assessment for Media, English, Maths, Digital Technology, and HASS (5C) over the next two weeks. It is important to send your child (if they aren't sick) to school so they don't miss out on all the great things happening in the classroom.

With Thanks

Ms Day, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Robins & Ms Slater



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Year 3

The year 3 classes have been enjoying the book, Kumiko and the Dragons. We have been looking at the illustrations and discussing why the illustrator has presented them in the way that she has. We have just completed writing our short story with a character who overcomes a fear and have been using the computers to present them. In science, we are continuing with experiments about how things are heated up or cooled down and reading temperatures. We have noticed that quite a few children need practice at giving change in money work and telling the time to the minute on an analogue clock. There are some children who are running low on supplies (particularly whiteboard markers). We would appreciate it if these could be replenished. It was good to catch up with parents during the parent teacher interviews. Last week the children all looked dapper in their school uniform for their yearly photo. It will make for an incredible memory of their year 3 class. Not long to go now for a break as the children are beginning to show how tired they are.

Mrs Quadrio, Mrs Blooranta and Mrs Reynolds.

Year 4

The next two weeks are going to be very busy in Year 4. Students are working on their assessment pieces in a number of subjects. These will need to be completed before the end of term. Please make sure your child goes to bed early on school nights, so they get a good night's sleep. Some students need to top up their supply of lead pencils. Please check with your child to see if they need any supplies. Book Fair is on next week. Students will be browsing the books during their library lesson and may write out a wish list to bring home. Next Friday the Student Council has organised a free dress day fundraiser. Students who are participating are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. Happy Father's Day to all dads and carers!

Mrs Millar & Mrs Brown



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Year 6

Hi everyone, once again we are in the midst of assessment. We have Math tests, English comparisons, speeches, planning for graduation in December, Science assessment, HASS assessment. Our English assessment has us comparing two novels to see which one is the favoured book and why it is preferred. We are then practising our speeches in preparation for our presentations starting next week. Our Science lessons have us focussing on changes to the earth's surface including earthquakes and cyclones. We have been investigating building techniques to help with disaster preparation and what changes occur on the surface of the earth when different disasters happen. HASS has us looking at businesses and decision making.

Please continue to send the students to school so that they can complete their assessments and have them completed before the end of the term.

It is that time of year again, the time when we are asking parents to arrange a high school enrolment interview. Please contact Kelly Harris at Atherton State High School on 4030 5222 to arrange an enrolment interview for 2021. There are 12 weeks of school left until the students are in grade 7.

Our high school orientation day will be on Tuesday the 1st December. Students will be in their classes for 2021 on this day.

Mr Fisher, Miss Corcoran, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Waugh

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