

23 January 2024

Week 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues 27/02 Prep Vision Screener
- Mon 05/02 Badges presentation on parade
- Thurs 01/02 Day 8 census

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Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new 2024 school year. We have had a great number of new Prep students starting here with us this year. This has been a very happy problem to work around with our class room allocation. For those of you who may not be aware, there is a maximum class size that I am to do my best not to exceed when developing the class make-up each year. I have a maximum of 25 students in Prep, Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3 and 28 in Years 4 to 6. So, this year we have come out with a Prep and Year 1 class; Miss Horsten. A Year 1, 2, and 3 class with Mrs Gray and finally a 4, 5 and 6 class with Mr Bagnall. Miss Horsten and Mrs Gray are working very closely with each other and will be team teaching Science, HASS and Design Technology. They have also planned together English and Maths to ensure they are the same throughout each Term.

I will be teaching the year 3 and 4 students Science, Hass and Design Technology this year because the way the National curriculum is written, the junctures of progression are at the end of Year 2, end of Year 4 and the end of Year 6. I am very much looking forward to teaching the Year 3 and 4 students this year.

Every day counts at school. This year we will be having a very strong focus on consistent attendance. Attendance at school is vital for the consistency and continuity of children's education. If a student is away consistently on a similar day they can and will miss important content and concepts that they may struggle to grasp. Some of the best learning is listening to peers asking questions and hearing those answers. If your child/ren are away please contact the school through School Stream, email admin@allowayss.eq.edu.au or phone call 4159 7352.

I would encourage all of you to contact your child/ren's teacher to have a conversation to discuss any questions you may have throughout the year. Mr Bagnall, Mrs Gray, Miss Horsten and myself are more than willing to discuss anything with you. There are times that we (Teachers) may not be available for a variety of reasons so please call the school on 4159 7352 or email to arrange a meeting through admin@allowayss.eq.edu.au

As I mentioned earlier, we have a formula to work with to develop our classrooms. This is done through the Day 8 census, where the students' attendance is counted on the 8th day of the school year. The number of students on that day sets our Staffing allocation (Teachers, Teacher aides, Schools Officer, Cleaner) and Budget allocation. So, Day 8 is a very important day for the school. The Department and I certainly understand that if a student is unwell, they are not able to attend. However, if your child/ren are not able to be at school on Day 8 please call the school or leave a message on School Stream. Day 8 this year is Thursday 1st February.

The Senior Shirt paperwork will be going out this week and I encourage you to have that back as soon as possible because the time for the shirts to be produced is quite long. We would like to have the year 6 students get as much wear out of the shirts as possible

This year is a 5/6 Camp year. I am waiting on retuning information from a number of venues. As information comes to hand it will be passed on as soon as possible.

The Badge Ceremony for our School Leaders, Sports Captains and School Representatives will be held Monday 5th February at our Weekly Morning Parade.

I am going to change our Newsletter to monthly editions. I was not consistent enough last year and found it very difficult to have enough information for a fortnightly edition. With that said, the P&C will be sending out their notices regularly and if there is any important information to come out, it will be sent home via paperwork and School Stream.

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Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling is ...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing year 7
3 days per week	130 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing year 4

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

Every day counts!

