

04 March 2024

Week 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✚ Mon 11/03 – Reading Info Session P-2, 3:10
- ✚ NAPLAN (Yrs 3 and 5) starts 13 March
- ✚ Fri 15/03 – Cross Country
- ✚ Thurs 28/03 - Easter bonnet parade
- ✚ Thurs 28/03 – Rewards day
- ✚ Week 10 – Parent Teacher interviews
- ✚ Thurs 28/03 – last school day, Term 1
- ✚ Fri 29/03 – Good Friday public holiday



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Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

P-2 Reading Information Session
Monday 11/03/24, 3:10pm
See page 2 for details.

We are having a fantastic Term, so much positive learning and engagement in all of our classrooms.

➤ STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to parents and carers that if your child is absent from school, please advise the school either by phone (41597352), email (admin@allowayss.eq.edu.au) or via the School Stream app.

It is important that you advise the school as early as possible when your child will be absent from school. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

➤ 'DROP AND GO' ZONE

Thank you to everyone for working together to make sure our Drop and Go point at the front of the school is kept as free as possible.

There will be some signage going up in the near future as a reminder.

Also, to help with the congestion at the front of the school in the mornings and afternoon, please follow the recommended speed of 10km/h.

➤ CROSS COUNTRY

We are going to be having our Inter House Cross Country on Friday 15th March. I will send out more information regarding start times closer to the event because I want to look at the weather prediction to see if we run during the morning or afternoon and also if rain is predicted.

➤ FRIDAY LUNCHES – MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3PM ON TUESDAY

A big thank you to Alloway Farm Market for supplying the great Friday Tuckshop lunches. I have been receiving lots of very good reviews from the "customers". **Orders must be received by 3pm each Tuesday.**

➤ OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Chappy Sel is doing such positive things with all of our students and the relationships she has developed with the students is wonderful. Plus, Breakfast Club on Wednesday morning is something to behold.



➤ OUR GARDEN BEDS

Year 3-4 Science and Design Technology are making use of the garden beds and equipment generously provided by our P&C through a grant they won last year.

➤ IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

With the Health Focus firmly on Smoking and Vaping I would like to remind everyone that Smoking and Vaping on School Grounds is Not Permitted.

In Queensland, vapes and electronic cigarette products containing nicotine are illegal unless on prescription and supplied by a pharmacist or through Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) processes.

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Vapes are smoking products and subject to the same laws as tobacco or cigarettes.

This means that e-cigarettes can't be:

- used in existing no-smoking indoor and outdoor places
- sold to children under 18 years of age
- advertised, promoted or displayed at retail outlets
- provided for sale in a vending machine.
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If you think a retailer (other than a pharmacy) is selling vapes that contain nicotine, or selling vapes to anyone under 18 years of age, please report it to your [Public Health Unit](#) or call 13QGov (13 74 68).

Looking for more detailed information?

You can find more information about vaping laws on the following websites.

- Queensland Health [Smoking laws in Queensland](#)
- Therapeutic Goods Administration [Nicotine vaping product access](#)
- Quit HQ [E-cigarettes](#)

➤ APPRECIATION

I cannot thank 'The Mr Whites' (Kevin and Warren) for all work they do to make our school such a positive place. They work so hard to keep the grounds looking great and this rubs off on everyone. Warren has a band of helpers at lunch breaks and the boys love working with Mr White.



➤ NAPLAN – YEARS 3 AND 5

NAPLAN starts 13th March. If you have any concerns or questions, please get in contact.

➤ EASTER BONNET PARADE

Easter Bonnet Parade and Rewards Day is our last day of term.

➤ PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Also in the last week of this term is our mid-semester Parent Teacher interviews. Notes and booking times will be sent home shortly.

➤ P&C EASTER RAFFLE

Please support your P&C by donating items for the Easter raffle. Donations such as groceries (check expiry dates), Easter items, gift cards etc are a few suggestions.

Donations can be brought to the school at any time. Tickets are \$1 each and a book of ten will be sent home with students on Monday 11 March for purchase or to sell to family and friends. More tickets will be available at the school.



The P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn on Monday 25 March at our school parade, starting at 9am.

Reading Information Session

When: Monday 11 March at 3:10pm

Where: Miss Horsten's classroom

All P - 2 parents and carers are invited to a short information session about how to support your child with their home reading.



Why reading is important for babies and young children

Sharing stories, talking and singing every day helps your child's development. You're helping your child become familiar with sounds, words, language and the value of books. This all builds your child's early literacy skills, helping him to go on to read successfully later in life.

Reading stories sparks your child's imagination, stimulates curiosity and helps with brain development. Interesting illustrations and word patterns – such as rhymes – can get your child talking about what she's seeing and thinking, and help her understand the patterns of language. Exploring stories also helps her learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'.

Sharing stories with your child doesn't mean you have to read. Just by looking at books with your child, you can be a great storyteller and a good model for using language and books. Your child will learn by watching you hold a book the right way and seeing how you move through the book by gently turning the pages.

Reading or telling stories can also be safe ways to explore strong emotions, which can help your child understand new or frightening events. Books about going to the dentist or hospital, starting at child care or making new friends will help your child learn about the world around him.

Reading stories with children has benefits for grown-ups too. This special time together promotes bonding and helps to build your relationship, laying the groundwork for your child's later social, communication and interpersonal skills.



Our 2024 Prep Year students ... we are proud of you!



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Bundaberg Riding for the Disabled Inc (RDA) is a voluntary and not-for-profit organisation, which provides both therapeutic and recreational horse riding programs for children and adults from 3 years to 73 years of age, with disabilities that may affect their quality of life

We welcome volunteers to our group and provide regular training to ensure the best possible experiences for both clients and volunteers.

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