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## ALDRIDGE NEWSLETTER

### 2025 Term 1 - Week 10

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#### A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL MR DAVID BURNS

As we finalise the first term of learning and move towards the Autumn vacation period, I congratulate our staff and students on their work thus far. Term 1 has been challenging with a number of weather events impacting our weekly schedule. Thank you for your resilience through this time and our thoughts are with those who have struggled with the impacts of excessive rainfall. As I have visited classrooms, I have been impressed with our **students' knowledge of their learning** context, their understanding of what is required to be successful and the feedback teachers are providing to students to support improvements in their learning. I have also been impressed with the calmness of the classroom learning environments in our school.

In a few weeks, your child will receive their first **progress report** for 2025. While this usually occurs in week 2, you will receive this in week 3 due to delays caused by a scheduled systems outage. I urge you to take some time to sit with your child to discuss their results including their overall achievement result, their behaviour and effort grade for each subject. The interest shown by you as a parent in the student report, is a demonstration to your child, of the importance you place on their learning and their education. This conversation is a good time to reflect and set new goals and to discuss any issues that we can assist with at school. I also strongly encourage you to attend a parent teacher interview when these are offered next term.

Last week, I hosted the first of our **Principal School Tours for 2025**. I enjoyed meeting parents and prospective new students considering enrolling in our school. It is exciting to hear the aspirations of newly enrolling students, to show off our extensive facilities for learning and to discuss the learning opportunities that await students at our school.

**Student attendance** for term 1 is already higher than this time in 2024. Staff and students have been working hard to improve attendance and it is rewarding to see this work paying off. The real pay-off for improved attendance, is the time students spend in front of their teachers and the additional learning that takes place as a result. Thank you to everyone who has assisted, most significantly to you as parents for your strong encouragement of your child.

A **formal school uniform** will soon be able to be worn by students other than the school leaders. In a response to feedback from a growing number of students, the P&C has endorsed the wearing of a formal uniform by any student, and the newly re-designed uniform being worn by the school leaders will soon be able to be sourced from the local uniform suppliers. Formal uniform is required to be worn as a complete outfit and will not be able to be mixed and matched with elements of the current uniform. Further guidelines will be provided over coming days as uniform guidelines are updated.

Aldridge student leaders and staff recently hosted students from St Helens State School and Maryborough West State School in a leadership workshop. Students participated in a number of activities designed to build student collaboration, confidence and resilience. Thanks to Mr Gunn, Miss Eagers and the student leadership for your facilitation of this valuable experience. I extend our best wishes to you for a safe and relaxing Autumn vacation. **School resumes on Tuesday 22 April.**

Regards,

David Burns

Principal



### Term 2 Week 1 2025

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

- **Easter Monday Public Holiday - No School**

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

- **First Day Back Term 2 - All Year Levels**
- Year 12 Parade - 8:45am - K Block Theatre
- Breakfast Club - 8:15am - T Block
- Senior Dance Competition Team - Recess 1 - K04

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

- **Whole School ANZAC Day Parade - 8:45am - Hall**
- Breakfast Club - 8:15am - T Block

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April

- Year 11 Parade - 8:45am - K Block Theatre
- Breakfast Club - 8:15am - T Block
- Golf Program - 7:45am to 10:45am
- Junior Dance Competition Team - Recess 1 - K04
- Volleyball - Intermediate Wide Bay Challenge

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April

- **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

#### Future Events & Information

- QIGA Round 2 - Monday 28th April
- Music Recording Album Day #1 - Thursday 1st May
- **Labour Day Public Holiday - Monday 5th May**
- Music Recording Album Day #2 - Monday 12th May
- Women in Weld ITD Incursion - Wednesday 14th May
- Year 11 Exam Block - Week 5
- Dance Eisteddfod - Week 5
- Music Recording Album Day #3 - Monday 19th May
- Music Recording Album Day #4 - Tuesday 20th May
- **Fraser Coast Show Public Holiday - Friday 23rd May**
- Year 11 Outdoor Education & Year 8 Duke of Edinburgh Brooyar Camp - Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th May

#### P&C Meeting:

The next Aldridge SHS P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 19th May at 4:30pm in the Aldridge Admin Building. All are welcome to attend.

#### Student Study Hub:

Every Monday to Friday - Recess 1 & 2 in P2.

#### After School Tutorials - Homework Centre:

Every Tuesday to Thursday from 3:00pm - 4:00pm in the Library (Radio Room).

#### Fortnightly Focus Week 1:

Consistency rules.



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