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ALDRIDGE NEWSLETTER

2024 Term 1 - Week 10

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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DAVID BURNS

As term 1 comes to a conclusion, we look forward to sharing your child's results with you. Student progress reports for term 1 will be emailed to parents at the conclusion of week 1 in term 2.

The leadership team regularly walk in classrooms speaking with students about their learning. Last year, we focussed on year 8 classes and in 2024, we are working across all year levels. The level of student engagement, and student awareness of where they are positioned in their learning is growing. Teachers continue to build the assessment literacy of students and ultimately higher achievement.

This term we've held two important whole school sporting events – the swimming carnival and the cross-country running event. It was great to see so many students turning up to take part in the spirit of participation and community. The atmosphere was tremendous, and it set the scene wonderfully for athletes who turned in strong performances. Thank you to everyone who made these events possible and special thanks to Mr Rossiter for his organisation. We wish all of our representative students good luck as they progress to district and regional trial events.

Students who attend school every day achieve significantly better results than those students who miss days of school. I congratulate our students on their attendance at school through term 1. While many students are still having "days off" for a multitude of reasons, student attendance appears to be on the increase. Every day of schooling increases your child's ability to have a life of choice rather than a life of chance. For employers, school attendance is a strong indicator of potential workplace attendance and this may be the deciding factor between two job candidates.

The "Off and Away for the Day" mobile phone policy has been well embraced by the vast majority of students throughout term 1. I thank students for their adherence to the policy and parents for your support of our measures to ensure the policy is followed. My observation has been that the policy is contributing to stronger and more positive student interactions, fewer technology related behavioural issues and fewer incidents of students disengaging where mobile phones were an enabler.

I look forward to our 'Aldridge Got Talent' event later in the year. The Arts department are currently seeking nominations for student performances and this promises to be another amazing gala occasion for our school. Performing students have the opportunity to grace the big stage at the Brolga Theatre in front of family and community, watching on in comfort. Mark the date in your calendar.

The Aldridge State High School P&C supports the work of the staff and students through financial and advocacy support. I extend an invitation to every parent to become involved in the P&C as we work collaboratively to make Aldridge an education destination of choice for Maryborough families. The next meeting will be on Monday 22 April at 4.30pm.

I extend my best wishes to you and your child for a safe vacation period. If you note any suspicious activity at the school during the vacation, please report it to Schoolwatch on 131788.



YEAR 7 SCIENCE STUDENTS EXPERIMENT WITH HOMEMADE SLUSHIES

Throughout the term, Miss Graham's year 7 Science class dove into the fascinating world of mixtures and the different forms matter can take. For their final Science lesson, they decided to put their newfound knowledge to the test by making homemade slushies.

Although their excitement was high, not everything went as smoothly as expected. Some hiccups along the way showed that science isn't always perfect. But instead of feeling discouraged, the class embraced the challenges and worked together to figure out what went wrong.

With their scientific minds at work, they've come up with a plan to try the experiment again next term.

They're determined to learn from their mistakes and improve their slushie-making skills. With perseverance and teamwork, they're hopeful that next time, they'll achieve nothing but success!



Term 2 Week 1 2024

Monday 15th April

• First Day Back - Term 2

- Year 10 Parade - 8:45am - K Block Theatre
- Year 8 Parade - 8:45am - Hall
- Breakfast Club - 8:00am - T Block

Tuesday 16th April

- Year 12 Parade - 8:45am - K Block Theatre
- Year 9 Parade - 8:45am - Hall
- Ridge Cafe Open 7:45am to 8:30am - I Block - Hot Beverage Menu - EFTPOS Available
- Breakfast Club - 8:00am - T Block
- Dance Eisteddfod Practice - Solos, Duos, Trios - Recess 1 K Block Theatre

Wednesday 17th April

- Year 7 Parade - 8:45am - K Block Theatre
- Breakfast Club - 8:00am - T Block

Thursday 18th April

- Year 11 Parade - 8:45am - K Block Theatre
- Breakfast Club - 8:00am - T Block
- Golf Program - 7:45am to 10:45am
- Dance Eisteddfod Practice - Recess 1 - K Block Theatre
- Year 7 Immunisations
- Cattle Team Toowoomba Show

Friday 19th April

- Ridge Cafe Open 7:45am to 8:30am - I Block - Hot Beverage Menu - EFTPOS Available
- Breakfast Club - 8:00am - T Block
- Cattle Team Toowoomba Show

Future Events & Information

- QIGA Round 2 - Gold Coast - Monday 22nd April
- Year 11 Health Camp - Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd April
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday - Thursday 25th April
- Volleyball Intermediate Wide Bay Challenge - Friday 26th April
- Music Album Days - Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April
- Parent Teacher Interviews - Tuesday 30th April - More information to follow
- Futsal Bundaberg - Thursday 2nd May

P&C Meeting

The next Aldridge SHS P&C meeting will be held on Monday, 22nd April 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 of Term 2:

Consistency Rules.

