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The Student Services department is housed in C3 (with the green door), where Mrs Kaye HOYES is available to process all of your student’s queries. Students are required to go to C3 for all of their queries/questions and not to the administration office.

All students who are late or leaving school early MUST have either a note from their parent/guardian OR have their parent/guardian phone Kaye on 4120 8430 advising her of their student’s lateness or reason for their early departure. Also, students can now get their uniform passes from Student Services, and again, students must have either a note from their parent/guardian or their parent/guardian has phoned Kaye with a reason for not being in the correct school uniform. If a student does not have a note or Kaye has not received a phone call from the student’s parent/guardian, they will be issued with a detention to be completed in a Recess at C4.

Also a reminder that ALL parent contact with the school is still required to occur at the Main Office. Parents are not to go to Student Services in C3.

The contact number for Kaye in Student Services is:

4120 8430

You can also email Kaye at:
khoye4@eq.edu.au

KAYE HOYES
C3 - STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER

BPOINT - Invoice Payments

Education Queensland has implemented a new way for parents to pay their invoices at schools - BPoint. It’s a simple, user friendly way to pay your student’s Resource Scheme fees, Laptop fees, excursions, etc. Parents can use BPoint from their smart phone or from their computer or tablet. Parents can still pay in the usual way by coming to the school or using internet banking. If you have any questions, please contact the school on 4120 8444.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Thanks to all students who attended and to staff who officiated and looked after students. Special thanks to Mr Franklin and the PE staff for their overall organisation of the day.

I’ve asked Mr Franklin to source feedback on splitting the carnival in 2017 into a Senior and Junior with the Senior Carnival being held on the Wednesday or Thursday afternoon and evening prior to the Junior carnival being held during the day on the Friday of the third week. By splitting the carnival we would be able to cater for up to 400 students per event.

The downside of splitting the carnival is that this event provides a great opportunity for the Senior and Junior school students to interact in a positive environment.

Mr Franklin would welcome any feedback/thoughts/suggestions.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The first Aldridge State High School Council meeting for 2016 was held on Monday 15 February. The Council is made up of nine voting members – four parent/community representatives, three staff members (Principal, one Teacher representative and one Non-Teaching representative) and one student representative. Ms Sam Swinburne was welcomed as the new Teaching representative following an election conducted during the Student Free Days.

At the meeting one of the appointed members Ms Kirsti Kee, noted that other commitments meant that she would like to stand aside from the Council. Kirsti has provided significant input and direction into the Council and as a previous Regional Director of Education and TAFE Director brought a wealth of knowledge to the Council table. On behalf of the school community Kirsti, a very special thanks for your contribution.

Taking Kirsti’s place as an adopted Council member will be Mr Graham Young. Graham co-ordinates the Hervey Bay and Gympie University of Sunshine Coast campuses so will be able to keep the Council well informed around issues in the tertiary sector. With USC now being the preferred tertiary site for our students (20 of our 2015 Senior cohort have enrolled in USC), Graham’s inclusion on Council is timely.

ENROLMENTS
Student enrolments at Day 8 were 1178.4. The Day 8 figure is of importance as this is the figure used to decide on staffing entitlements. This resulted in an additional teacher being placed on site and this teacher was used to facilitate extra classes in Year 7 core areas and Year 9 Maths.

The Learning Enhancement Centre (Special Education program) will be supported by 11.10 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) teachers and around 280.25 teacher aide hours.

TEXTBOOK HIRE & RESOURCE SCHEME
The fee for 2016 was set at the end of 2015 at $180.00. This had remained constant from the previous year. Parents are reminded that the provision of texts and some other high cost resources (eg: accessing laptop borrowing program) is based on the fees being paid or the agreed payment plan having been actioned (ie: first payment made).

This policy also exists for extra-curricular activities and subsidised excursions (ie: students may be a part of these as long as fees payed or payment plan has been actioned).

With Fraser district and Wide Bay sport trials already underway, parents understanding of this policy may save office staff and students the discomfort and embarrassment associated with bus payment not being accepted due to payment plan not being actioned or up to date.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The AGM for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 23 March in the Aldridge Library. This is a great opportunity for any parent to become actively involved in discussions and decisions that will have some effect on shaping your student’s Aldridge experience.

WEBSITE
Our school website is wonderful first port of call for parents wanting to access information about the school. Assessment calendars, school functions calendar, subject information, permission forms and many other attributes can be found on the website. Any parent who has ideas or suggestions about what could appear on the website to assist them, is asked to forward these suggestions through to Mr McKee.
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW
These were held on Tuesday 23 February. It was wonderful to see a large number of parents come along to speak to teachers about their student’s progress. While this event is set up to specifically allow parents and teachers to discuss the progress of students, all parents are encouraged to make contact with the school/teachers whenever they feel it is important to do so.

LIBRARY OPENING ON SUNDAYS
Parents are reminded that every Sunday from 8.00 am to 12.00 noon the library is open to ensure students who may not have a quiet study area at home or who need access to the internet etc, are able to do so. Special thanks to Mrs Higgins who has been doing this (opening the library) for nearly seven years now.

Following a recent radio interview based on a report from the Smith Family regarding families in low-SES areas & access to the internet, I made comment that the school opens the library on a Sunday to support those students whose families cannot afford internet connectivity, computers or printers. The ABC Wide Bay Facebook page noted that I opened the library each week. To make sure the complete story is noted I have posted the comment below.

Mrs Higgins is one of many staff members who goes above and beyond what I could ask them to do at this school and are a key part of why this school is such a great school at which to work.

OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS
43 Parents/Carers/Grandparents came up to school to sit in on some elective classes with their Year 7 students. Hats off to Mrs Dixon and Mr McKee on this initiative. Feedback from those present certainly supported the continuation of this initiative.

VOLLEYBALL SHOWCASE EVENING
Well done to Mr Ethell for organising our first Volleyball Showcase evening. With five current students having been identified at a National level over the last year and a half and over half of the Wide Bay Volleyball teams being made up of Aldridge students and four staff members holding Wide Bay coach or manager positions, there is much to showcase. Mr Ethell made a point of noting the great work that had been done over the last 10 years by Mr Rob Thiele and how his extensive coaching knowledge would continue to be pivotal to the program’s success over the coming years.

2016 also sees the Volleyball program moving to what I have called its “second generation”. Mr Jett Nickson, who was a member of the very first group of Volleyball players to taste State and National success, has joined the school as a Maths/Science teacher. Jett knows firsthand the value he gained from being a part of the program and will be involved as a coach in 2016 as well as being the U 15 Wide Bay Boys Volleyball Manager.

ROSS HIGGINS
Principal
VETiS & HEADSTART
Students have commenced their offsite training with a number of Year 12 students attending training or University as a component of schooling. With this first step in our success we need to remember that a number of graduates are still unable to secure work. As such it is critical that parents and students engage with the Certificate III programs on offer locally.

ATTENDANCE
We have just commenced our first round of review of attendance data. We aim to have all students attending at least 95% of the time. This represents approximately 10 days off per school year and for most of us this would eat our entire sick leave allocation.

For students attending less than 80% they place themselves at risk. This risk differs depending on year level:

♦ Year 10 – These students are still in the “compulsory phase” of schooling and hence the legislation requires parents to send their children to school – failure to do so can lead to prosecution.

♦ Year 11 & 12 – These students are in the “compulsory participation” phase and as such are required to be earning or learning. This means that if a student isn’t participating (attending at least 80%) they are at risk of having their enrolment at Aldridge cancelled. This would then require them to either get a job, go to a training provider or another school. Each year a number of students have their enrolment cancelled as a result of failing to meet the attendance expectations.

QCS
Students in Year 11 and 12 that are eligible for an OP participate in QCS lessons. THESE ARE CRITICAL to their OP. The QCS score influences the OP result at least as much as the subject results that students achieve. If you have a student in Year 12 that is OP eligible please ensure that they are doing practice for the QCS test as part of their study routines.

OP ESTIMATE
Year 12 students received their OP estimate recently. This data is a guide to assist students to adjust their study patterns to meet their goals. Each student is allocated a mentor who can assist them with the process and we strongly recommend that they make the effort to engage their mentor regarding the OP estimate. For students receiving an OP estimate of 17 or greater it is important that they discuss this with Mr Blyth to get the assistance they need to get them an OP that will gain them University entry.

ELEVATE
Year 12 students recently were both entertained and challenged by recent school graduates (now at Uni) about the hidden skills and attitudes associated with study. The Year 12 sessions focussed on the mindset and attitude necessary for success. Key messages were that a GROWTH MINDSET and GRIT were much more effective than roar intelligence in producing successful University graduates.

In Term 2, Year 11 students will have similar talks but theirs will relate to the skills of study. Students are encouraged to get ready for exams in Week 9. The key messages are that they should be:

♦ Formatting notes – Week 6
♦ Learn and memorise – Week 7
♦ Do practice Questions – Week 8

EXAM TIMETABLE
This will be released in Week 7 with copies available through C03 and on the website. At the moment it is anticipated that exams will be held Monday through Wednesday of Week 9 with the morning of Thursday Week 9 set aside for catch up exams. Thursday afternoon Week 9 is the school cross country.

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR
Please check the website for the relevant year level assessment calendar. This is particularly important as we head to the close of the term and items become due. PLEASE NOTE: Items must be submitted at the draft stage for feedback. Failure to do so will result in detentions to ensure the draft is submitted. Students may be required to attend school during the exam break times to complete assessment.

JACKSON DODD
Deputy Principal
Head of Senior School
Wednesday of last week saw our first Year 7 Open Day for the year. We were very pleased to welcome over 40 parents, carers and, in some cases, grandparents to our school for the morning. They were afforded the opportunity to visit one of their children’s classes and for many it was a ‘trip down memory lane’. It really was a pleasure to meet and chat with so many of you at the morning tea afterwards.

Now that we’ve passed the halfway mark for Term 1, you should have noticed that your child’s assessment items have increased. A reminder please that the Homework Centre is open every Recess 1 in F15. If your child is falling behind in their assessment or is having any difficulty please suggest to them that they visit the Homework Centre for some assistance.

Congratulations to those students who have received a Student of the Week certificate. Each week, teachers nominate several students who have displayed our school virtues of either Respect, Responsibility, Self-Discipline, Caring or Commitment. These students are recognised for their outstanding behaviour with a certificate at the Year 7 Parade. Receipt of this certificate also accrues points for their Sporting House.

Thank you for your continued effort in ensuring that your child wears full and correct uniform to school. If, for some reason, your child needs to wear a non-uniform item for a day (e.g. their regular school shoes are wet) or has lost their hat, please send them with an explanatory note so they can obtain a uniform pass and avoid a lunchtime detention.

Some students may have brought home an ‘Unexplained Absence’ note (commonly referred to as a ‘yellow slip’). These are issued to students whose records show an unexplained absence because no message was left on the school absentee line to explain why they wouldn’t be at school or the parent/carer did not respond to the absentee text which is automatically sent out in these instances. If your child brings one of these home, please write a brief reason for the absence (e.g. ‘sick’ or ‘medical appointment’) and give it to your child to bring back to school. This will ensure that these Unexplained Absences are not recorded on your child’s Report Card. Please note, at times there is an error in these recordings. If you believe that your child was at school on that date/s, please write this on the yellow slip and we will investigate the matter further.

A sincere thank you to you, the parents and carers who support your child in their education and well-being.

THERESE DIXON
Year 7 Coordinator
HOD Junior Secondary
WOW! What a busy start to the year for all areas of Home Economics. All Home Economics classes have been required to cook this term as work on I Block kitchen will be underway next month. This is an exciting time for students and staff members alike. Both school kitchens are being used by students for creating some terrific tucker:

- Year 7 and 8 are whipping up delights such as apple crumble and mini pizzas.
- Year 9 Home Economics are making healthy fast foods.
- Year 10 have been investigating nutrients and how to improve the nutritive value of foods such as adding legumes/beans into dishes. Although initially the students were afraid to try the legume dishes many were pleasantly surprised how delicious these healthy foods were.

Senior Home Economics are both investigating the fashion and textile industries. The Year 11 are researching sustainable Australian Fashion Designers and have been finding this very interesting especially the gorgeous fashion designs that result. The Year 12 students have been looking at the environmental and social impacts of present practices within the Australian Fashion and Textile Industries and making recommendations to ensure textile needs can be met in the future.

In Early Childhood Year 10 student have been looking at prenatal care. Nurse Trudy came into the class to answer questions that had been posed by the students. It was a really informative lesson. Thank you again Trudy.

Hospitality has also been a hive of activity. On the day of the swimming carnival Year 11 Hospitality students participated in a catering function for 300 teachers from a number of districts. The function was held over the whole day and provided beverages upon arrival, morning tea and lunch. Mrs Butler and Mrs Mahon Year 10 Hospitality students provided the biscuits as a practical lesson. These went down a treat from the teachers. Year 11 Hospitality students did a fantastic job leading up to and on the day. Great work!

We have had pre-service teacher Helen Caesar join our department for the first five weeks of term. Ms Caesar has worked with Year 8 and 12 creating resources and assessments, planning lessons and implementing the lessons. She has worked hard and has learnt a lot from seeing the start-up of a new school year. We wish her well with the rest of her studies.
It is anticipated that the following change to Polley’s bus services will occur as of Monday 29 February. We will endeavour to keep students up to date with any changes.

Currently there are four schools cramming onto the one bus (S664) and the Aldridge High students are the last to arrive. We will now have those students board P176 at Tinana and this bus will express via the Highway and Walker Street to Aldridge High School, arriving around 8.20 am. They will now depart Aldridge High School on P176 (not S664) at 3.10 pm and express back to Tinana for the usual change over at 3.25 pm.

JACKSON DODD
Deputy Principal

On Wednesday 24 February, some of our Year 12 English students had the privilege of a visit from Lars Olsen, founder of the Forget Me Not Children’s home in Nepal. Lars, a local Hervey Bay man, spoke to the students about his experiences in Nepal as a 21 year old adventurer, and the events that inspired him to follow his heart and help a group of young orphans who were in danger.

Our students were totally inspired by Lars’ compassion and foresight, particularly when he urged them to follow their hearts and think carefully about which direction they wanted their future to follow.

“We lead such privileged lives in Australia and it’s easy to forget that it’s not the same all over the world. It’s important to give back to the community and decide what kind of person you want to be.”

Lars’ tenacity and integrity act as a worthy role model for our young people. Our students need to understand that as individuals, they can make a positive difference in the world.

RAYNA MORRIS
English Head of Department

Change to Tinana Bus School Service

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JACKSON DODD
Deputy Principal
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all that attended the Swimming Carnival. Great day had by all even if it was a little windy. Some great efforts and results. Well done to Mr Doneman who was very liberal with the chilli sauce. Water has never been so popular.

The winning streak by Langlands has been broken. Well done to Gould who were the Champions for 2016. Very close results with only 23 points separating first and third.

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2016 WINNING HOUSE CAPTAINS

AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2016

INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP
WIDE BAY CLUSTER 1 TRIALS

Congratulations to all the Aldridge students who were selected in Maryborough District Teams to compete at the Wide Bay Trials held on 18 February. Not all names of the students selected in the Wide Bay Teams have been forwarded to the school but those we know are:

- **Cricket** – Paige Hatherell
- **Softball** – Keysha Baker
- **Touch** – Anniston Chappell, Abbey Hewitt, Sophia Hewitt, Mason McKenna
- **Tennis** – Leyton Goldsmith
- **Volleyball**
- **U15 Boys** - Luke Calleja, Josh McIntosh, Drew Rassmussen, Taylor Morrison, Darcy Karrasch, Nathan McKeough, Nick Bennetts, Tom Roberts and Dylan Jensen. **Coach:** Mr Ethell and **Manager:** Mr Nixon
- **U15 Girls** - Hannah Karrasch, Lani McKenna, Anniston Chappell, Tally Kelly, Braxton Sheppard, Kasey-Lee Ihle, Bianca Adams and Jess Chapman. **Manager:** Mrs Keleher (Miss James)
- **Open girls** - Lily Calleja
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An outstanding effort with 34 students gaining Wide Bay selection.

TRIATHLON STATE TITLE

At the recent Qld Triathlon Title held in Hervey Bay, Aldridge had two representatives competing for Wide Bay. Well done to Mason McKenna and Bethany Surman. Amy Watson was also selected but was unable to compete.

12 YEARS (2004) WINTER

CARNIVAL TRIALS

Maryborough District Trials will be held on 11 March 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the following sports:

- **TENNIS:** Boys and Girls
- **LEAGUE:** Boys
- **HOCKEY:** Boys and Girls
- **FOOTBALL:** Boys and Girls
- **NETBALL:** Girls

If interested students need to sign up and collect an information note from Mr Franklin (J Block Staffroom). Please note that if nominations exceed the required number school based trials to select the Aldridge Team may be necessary.

AFL – BRISBANE LIONS

Very successful visit from the Brisbane Lions on Tuesday 23 February. Many students took the opportunity to train with the Lions. By all reports students and teachers had a great time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Cross Country will be held Period 6 on the last day of this term Thursday 24 March.

RICHARD FRANKLIN
Sports Coordinator

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Maryborough
Queensland Triathlon Championships
Hervey Bay 19 February 2016

Congratulations to two of our Senior Students - Mason McKenna and Beth Surman, who represented Wide Bay at the recent State Championships in Hervey Bay on Friday 19 February 2016. Although out of the medal positions, both students did well to complete the 750M swim, 20km ride and 5km run course.

Well done!

Dave Trevorrow
Head of Department - HPE
HINTS TO ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO READ!

In the middle years of schooling, our children are not only 'learning to read' but 'reading to learn'.

Here are some activities that may help you to support your child as they become confident readers of a range of texts and topics:

- Encourage your child to read every day, either independently or with you or a sibling - congratulate them on their reading efforts. (Don't forget to complete their reading log).
- Encourage your child to locate and read a variety of materials that are of interest to them such as:
  - information books and other reading materials about a topic of ongoing interest - the solar system or rainforest habitats.
  - books by a favourite author.
  - books from a favourite genre, for example, mystery novels.
  - reading materials related to an interest outside of school, for example, camping: ‘how to’ texts about camping; brochures and websites of campgrounds; camping gear catalogues.
- Visit the local library regularly and use it as an opportunity to talk to your child about their reading experience, for example, what they like or don't like to read; what is difficult about reading; what is enjoyable about reading.
- Encourage your child to think and reflect on texts they read and view, for example, Do you agree with what was written in that article? OR What was the point/message in that television program?
- Subscribe to, buy or borrow a magazine that interests your child.
- Read some of the same books as your child and talk about characters, storylines and themes.
- Share reading materials and experiences that you enjoyed at a similar age.
- Discuss the different reading materials that you currently read in your work, leisure and family life.
- Talk about new and interesting words that they have heard/found including words from different cultures.
- Encourage your child to read a range of electronic materials such as websites, blogs, emails.
- Assist your child to use computer search engines (such as Google, Bing, Yahoo!, Dogpile etc) and critically discuss which websites are useful.
- Encourage your child to read a range of visual texts such as diagrams, tables, graphs, photos, cartoons and comics.
- Read books that have been made into movies and discuss the similarities and differences.
- Share and discuss interesting parts of the newspaper, for example, cartoons, images and sports results.
- Ask your child to assist with reading instructions and interpreting diagrams when assembling new purchases.
- Consider purchasing reading materials as gifts.
- Support your child to build a personal book collection.

MRS ALOTA LIMA
Master Teacher
**TEACHER AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM**

Expressions of interest are invited for participation in our Teacher Aide Training Program. The program involves nine sessions (voluntary) of training, and a short period (again voluntary) of work shadowing as part of the training. Successful completion of this training will lead to casual paid teacher aide work at our school. The focus area for the training will be for students with Special Needs. Training will commence at the beginning of Term 2.

Please submit your resume and a short covering letter by close of business **FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2016** to:

Business Services Manager  
Aldridge State High School  
P.O. Box 3061 Pallas Street  
MARYBOROUGH Q 4650

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**SUNDAY STUDIES**

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**DON'T FORGET**

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OR  
YOU CAN PHONE KAYE IN C3 ON 4120 8430 TO ADVISE HER OF YOUR STUDENT’S DEPARTURE TIME AND REASON.
NATIONAL SELECTIONS
Congratulations Hannah Karrasch on her selection in the U18 Australian Team to tour Thailand in April. What an outstanding achievement considering Hannah is only 14. Congratulations Rob Thiele for producing yet another Australian player. This is a testament of Rob’s expertise in Volleyball and shows that our students in the program are getting coached at an Australian standard. Hannah will now join Dean and Kyal on the Thailand trip. We also had another student selected for the trip - Lachie Ward, but unfortunately he can’t make the trip but will be attending AIS training camps throughout the year.

WIDE BAY SELECTIONS
Our next crop of possible Queensland and Australian players have also begun their journey. Aldridge again proved we are the stand out school in Wide Bay in terms of volleyball. Of the 40 positions available in Wide Bay teams, 27 positions were filled by Aldridge players and of the eight coaching and managing positions six are Aldridge coaches or ex Aldridge coaches.

Players selected were as follows:
♦ U15 Boys - Luke Calleja, Josh McIntosh, Drew Rasmussen, Taylor Morrison, Darcy Karrasch, Nathan McKeough, Nick Bennett, Tom Roberts and Dylan Jensen. Coach: Mr Ethell and Manager: Mr Nixon.
♦ U15 Girls - Hannah Karrasch, Lani McKenna, Anniston Chappell, Tally Kelly, Braxton Sheppard, Kasey-Lee Ihle, Bianca Adams and Jess Chapman. Manager: Mrs Keleher (Miss James)
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The U15’s go to Brisbane in early May to play in the state titles and hope to have some players selected for Queensland. The opens also go away early may but to Bundaberg and again expect some Queensland selections. More information can be found on the Wide Bay sport website:
http://www.widebayschoolsport.eq.edu.au/.

THURSDAY NIGHT FCVA COMPETITION
The first round started last week. It is very pleasing to see so many of our students in the program taking up the opportunity to play regular competition each week. Thursday night is a great opportunity for our younger students and especially our girls to develop their skills. We also have many of our older students acting as coaches and mentors of our younger students.

Again Aldridge coaches are heavily involved with this program. Mr Barker is the President of Fraser Coast Volleyball and has been busy signing students up. Other coaches that will be there on Thursday nights include Mr Ethell, Kyal Moore and Mrs Keleher.

For more information please see Mr Barker or visit the Fraser Coast Volleyball Facebook page. The weekly draw will be on Facebook each week.

SUNDAY MEN’S COMPETITION
The Fraser Coast Volleyball Association is also running a Men’s Competition on Sunday afternoon form 4.30 – 5.30pm. This competition also gives our senior boys a regular competition to play in. It will also allow them to be involved in the Fraser Coast Rep Program which allows them to compete against other areas e.g. Gympie, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane. For more information about this program please see Mr Ethell or Mr Nixon.
Aldridge Volleyball Showcase

Thank you for those parents and players that turned up for our showcase evening. It was a good night and our girls and boys demonstration games showed what talent we have in our program. Many thanks to Cassandra Price Real Estate and Buckn-L productions for their sponsorship of the night. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to test their skills at something different i.e. riding a mechanical bull.

It was very pleasing to see some of our sponsors there as well. Mr Warren Truss was very impressed with the standard of our players and he has made donations to the program for last two years.

Also Sharon Coyne from Education Rules was also very impressed with our students. Again I would like to thank Sharon for her very generous sponsorship of the program over the last couple of years and if your student needs some extra help with their schooling please give her a call.

Also a big Thank you to Bell Hill Top Bakery for donating the bread for our sausage sizzle and Rory Keleher from R and A Building Pty Ltd for donating the sausages.

Gladstone Trip

Notes and information about the Gladstone trip will be out shortly but at present this will occur on the last Wednesday of term (23/3). Teams that will be involved are the u14 girls, U14 boys, U15 girls, U15 boys and U16 boys.

Year 7/8 Tournament

To give our younger students a taste of what volleyball is really about we will be organising a tournament towards the end of term. Please stay tuned for more information about this event.

Volleyball Trips/Events

- Gladstone on Wednesday of the last week of Term 1 (23/3)
- Wide Bay Challenge at the end of Term 2 and 3.
- Wide Bay U15 boys and girls 04 - 08 May (Brisbane).
- Wide Bay open boys and girls 11 - 15 May (Bundaberg).
- Intermediate schools cup in Toowoomba (U14/15) will be in Week 6 Term 2 (19 - 22 May).
- Senior schools cup in South Brisbane (U16/open) 04 – 07 August.
- Junior schools cup in North Brisbane (U12/13 Boys and Girls) 13 – 16 October.
- National schools cup in Melbourne (03 – 10 December).
FUNDRAISING
We would like to thank Radio Retails for sponsoring us for water bottles last year and this year and also Maryborough Heath Fitness and Body works for helping train our Year 9 girls for nationals and donating a gym membership for our raffle.

We again are looking for sponsors to help raise funds to run the program. So if you know of a business that might be interested in sponsoring or donating an item/s to be raffled please let Mr Ethell know. Possible ways they can help us are below:

♦ Sign up to our loyalty program (every $100.00 spent at a business we get a certain % back).
♦ Purchase an Aldridge Facebook advertising package ($100.00/term or $300.00/year).
♦ Donate goods/vouchers for our raffles or as prizes for our fundraising nights.
♦ Monetary donation.
♦ Bag sponsor / Uniform sponsor / Volleyball starter kit sponsor.
♦ Sponsor an individual player.

Families that would like to be involved in fundraising please let Mr Ethell know. Money is allocated to peoples fees if they help out at fundraising events. Fundraising activities/events planned for this year include Facebook advertisements for businesses, fashion parade, trivia night, Bunnings BBQ’s, food stores at various events, raffles and New Year’s Eve spins at the cricket club.

Already this year we have raised a significant amount of money and we would like to thank the following groups for their support and encourage the Aldridge SHS community to support these businesses.

We are very grateful to the Fraser Coast Volleyball Association, Education Rules, Cassandra Price Real Estate, Oz Belts, Buckn-L Productions, R and A Building Pty Ltd, Sauers Clothing Supplies, Tinana Fluid Power, Tinana’s Hot Bread Shop, Sports Power Maryborough, Bob Jane T-Mart, Decal Central, Mr Warren Truss, The Friendlies Chemist, Radio Rentals, Maryborough Heath Fitness and Body works, Radio rentals, The Butcher Shop, Fairfield Butchery, Bell Hilltop Bakery, Bakers Delight and Penguins Seafood and Salad Bar for their very generous donations this year.

David Ethell
ASHS Volleyball Administrator
What is a P&C Association?

A Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) is a group of community minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing:

- feedback on school policies and activities
- additional resources to be used to enhance student learning
- parents with opportunities to be involved in their child’s education.

Research has shown that parent involvement in a child’s education makes a significant contribution to the child’s success at school.

Do you want to be involved in helping make decision regarding your child’s education? Come along to the P&C General Meeting - date has been changed to 23 March 2016 – 6.30 pm in the school library.

All positions will be open and anyone can be nominated. Here is a quick rundown of the roles of the positions:

President:
- shall hold office in an honorary capacity
- shall preside at every meeting of the Association in which she/he is present
- as chairperson, shall have a deliberate vote and a casting vote

Treasurer:
- has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C.
- supply a financial statement at each meeting
- make all cheque books, deposit books and receipt books together with books of account, available to the auditor
- prepare annual statements, which must be audited and a copy forwarded to your DETE Regional Office.

Secretary:
- maintain attendance records and a register of member
- assist the president in preparing an agenda for each meeting
- prepare and present minutes of P&C and officers’ meetings at each general meeting
- record and deal with correspondence in/out as directed by the P&C
- generally organise, record and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the P&C
- have custody of P&C Association documents.

Everyone is valued and welcomed to contribute
Come and meet new people and have some fun.
Fresh Sandwiches:
- Egg & Lettuce: $3.20
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato: $3.20
- Cornmeat & Salad: $3.80
- Chicken & Salad: $3.80
- Ham & Salad: $3.80
- Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce: $3.50
- Salad ONLY: $3.20

(Toasted - $0.30 Extra)

Turkish Bread:
- Roast Beef & Salad; Ham & Salad: $4.00

Wraps:
- Chicken & Salad; Ham & Salad: $4.00
- Cornmeat & Salad

Fresh Salad Boxes:
- Ham & Salad: $4.00
- Chicken & Salad: $4.00
- Quiche & Salad: $4.00

Drinks
- 750ml Water: $2.00
- 600ml Water: $1.50
- Plain Milk 600ml: $2.50
- Quench: $1.50
- Flavoured Milk 300ml: $2.20
- Flavoured Milk 500ml: $3.50
- Ice Break: $3.80
- Juice: $2.50
- Iced Tea: $3.50

Other Items
- Muffins: $1.00
- Fruit Salad Container: $2.50
  (includes a variety of available fruits)
- Apple Crumble & Custard: $2.50
- Gingerbread Students: $1.50
- Red Rock Oven Baked Chips: $1.20
  (Various Varieties)
- Iceblocks - Various: $Various
- Yoghurt - Frozen 100g: $2.00

Please order between 8 & 9 AM

New Uniforms

JUNIOR:
- Shirts: $27.00
- Shorts: $25.00

SENIOR:
- Shirts: $27.00
- Shorts: $25.00
- Purple Skirts: $35.00
- Jumpers: $40.00
- Hats (Compulsory): $11.00

Please Order Between
8.00 am - 9.00 am

Scientific Calculators: $25.00

We will be offering sushi on Tuesday’s menu. Don’t forget to come on down and try the new sushi. We also hope to offer it on more days.

Hot Food Specials

Daily Hot Food
- Reduced Fat Pies: $3.50
- Reduced Fat Sausage Rolls: $3.00
- Pizza Rounders: $2.50

Hot Food Specials

MONDAY:
- Hot Dogs & Riblet Rolls: $4.00
- Fried Rice: $3.00

TUESDAY:
- Chilli Chicken Burger: $4.00
- Sushi (Chicken or Salmon): $5.00

WEDNESDAY:
- Chicken & Gravy Roll: $4.00
- Jacket Potatoes: $4.00

THURSDAY:
- Chicken Burger: $4.00
- Meatball Subs: $4.00

FRIDAY:
- Hamburger: $4.00
- Pork Riblet Rolls: $4.00

(All Burgers include Salad)
Have you ever thought about volunteering at the School Canteen? We would love your company - anytime time is fine, just pop into the Canteen and see Chris and the girls. Many hands make light work and we will reward you with a light lunch and fantastic company.

Thank you

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Chicken Sushi
Salmon Sushi

Keep checking out the Tuckshop whiteboards for more specials!

ONLY $5.00!
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Please be aware that they need to have the D.A.L. function

ALDRIDGE WHITE SENIOR POLO SHIRT ON SALE AT THE TUCKSHOP FOR $12.00!

DON'T MISS OUT!

These Polos can be worn up until the END of 2017

ALDRIDGE SHS UNIFORMS FOR SALE AT TUCKSHOP

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Senior uniforms are also available from the tuckshop.
Aldridge State High School P&C Association has signed onto be part of the Quickbeds Grassroots Fundraising Program. This is a great opportunity for our school to raise funds.

IT’S VERY SIMPLE:
When you are booking your Easter accommodation or any accommodation, you just click on this link: www.quickbeds.com/?grassrootscode=1316

- Find the hotel you want
- Book it (no booking fees, no credit card fees)
- That's all - Click on the link now and our P&C code will be stored on your computer.

That's $10.00 for bookings up to $349.00.
And $25.00 for bookings from $350.00 to $699.00.
And $50.00 for bookings of $700.00 or more.

CLICK HERE NOW
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to find the hotel you want and use the Grassroots Code: 1316 and you’ll help raise much needed funds for the school.

Don’t you wish that you had a simple system to store your school documents and notes? A place that is convenient and inexpensive. Well now you can with our magnetic fridge pockets. Simply file the papers in the plastic pocket and put it on your fridge. You will be able to retrieve all your vital information in an instant.

1 for $7.00 / 2 for $12.00
3 for $17.50

Available at the Office or C3
Acceptable Shoes At Aldridge High

We are currently visiting our Primary feeder schools and talking to students about expectations for next year. One of the topics is student appearance which includes uniform and shoes. The table below is being given to our future students as a guide and it is also worth noting for our current students – particularly as parents may be buying new school shoes for their students. The one thing we have been not as strict on so far is the high cut shoe (bottom left picture). This will change however (it has always been the rule) as we will enforce that from 2016 onwards as strongly as we do with all uniform requirements. Thank you for your consideration in this.

- PREDOMINANTLY BLACK
- LACE UP
- LOW CUT

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2. Click on “Exam Timetables”
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16 MARCH
Yr 7 & 8 Vaccinations

18 MARCH
NAPLAN Practice Test
Period 1 & 2 in hall

21 - 24 March
Senior Exams

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Aldridge SHS Cross Country (Period 6)

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2016 Chappy Dinner
This year’s Maryborough Chaplaincy Dinner is going to be held on Wednesday 04 May.
Delicious 2 Course Meal, provided by Maryborough & Aldridge High Hospitality Department.
PERFORMANCES - ACTIONS - ‘THE PANEL’
A fantastic night out raising funds for a good cause!
May the fourth be with you as you put it in your calendar, NOW!