HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would like to wish everyone in the Aldridge State High School community
A safe and happy holiday period.

We look forward to seeing you all back for the 2015 School Year.

2015 School Start Dates:
Tuesday 27 January 2015
Years 7, 8 & 11 attend

Wednesday 28 January 2015
ALL Students attend

The School office will re-open
8.00 am Monday 19 January 2015
STUDENT FREE DAYS 2015
In 2015, as has been the case for the last two years, there will be NO Student Free Days at the beginning of each term. Terms 2 and 3 will begin for staff and students on the Monday of the first week. Term 1 has a staggered start to assist new students to the school by having one day when only half the student body is here. To this end, on Tuesday 27 January Years 7, 8 and 11 are asked to be in attendance with all Year levels being on site Wednesday 28 January (Note: Monday 26 January is a Public Holiday for Australia Day). Term 4 begins on Tuesday 04 October as the Monday is a Public Holiday for Labor Day.

END OF YEARS ACTIVITIES
As per previous years, the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of school for Year 8’s and 9’s will not feature their usual timetabled activities but a variety of different activities and options. Further information around the activities being run will be forwarded home prior to the end of the second last week of term. While the school will supervise students who attend on the last day, the activities the students will engage in will not be as per their usual Friday timetable. Where possible if students attending on the last day could be picked up or given permission to leave school at 12.00 pm this would be greatly appreciated as there is a staff function beginning at 12.30 pm and if there are no students on site at this time it would allow all staff to attend the function.

VOLLEYBALLERS TO NATIONALS
The school’s Year 9 & 10 Boys and Year 8 Girls Volleyball teams are off to the National Schools Championships in Melbourne next week. The teams won Silver, Gold and Bronze Medals respectively at the State Schools Championships and their results are a reflection of the time and dedication shown by a number of teachers (and student coaches) associated with the Volleyball program. Special thanks to staff, parents and the student coach who are also travelling with the team.

YEAR 6 & 7 INDUCTION DAYS
Tuesday 02 December was the Transition Day for Year 7’s moving to Year 8 in 2015 and Wednesday 03 December for Year 6’s moving to 7 in 2015. The purpose of this day was to allow students an opportunity to become more familiar with the school and the students with whom they will share their first year in high school. In all we currently have 190 Year 7 and 150 Year 8 students enrolled for 2015. The first day for Year 7 and 8 (and Year 11) will be Tuesday 27 January. All students will be on site for Wednesday 28th January.

PRIMARY STAFF JOINING THE HIGH SCHOOL
From Monday to Thursday this week the school hosted five of the Primary teachers who will join us in 2015. The purpose of this was to further familiarise these staff with the how planning, learning and assessment are approached at the school. A special thanks to Ms Dixon and Heads of Department from the core learning areas who put the program together and spent significant amounts of time with these teachers on site.

Finally could I wish all members of the Aldridge School community a safe & prosperous Christmas.

ROSS HIGGINS
Principal
HANDY TIPS FOR PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS IN 2015

We are really looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 & 8 students in 2015. Some helpful tips for parents when preparing your child’s gear for the school year:

- Please name all clothing items clearly with a laundry pen (or similar). Hats especially need to be named. Names can be written with marker on the white lining under the inside trim. We collect lost hats and give them back to students but can’t do this if they are not named. Shirts and shorts/skirts are sometimes lost or misplaced during swimming lessons, so again a name on these items helps minimise confusion.

- Please be mindful that we are a uniform school. We are proud of how our students look in their uniform and with this in mind, full and correct wearing of the Aldridge school uniform is expected. **White ankle socks are a mandatory part of our school uniform.** Black socks will not be accepted. **Predominantly black shoes** are also part of our school uniform. Please keep this in mind when purchasing these items for your child.

- When purchasing exercise books for your child, we recommend that you purchase a single book for each subject. Some students bring the ‘5 subjects in 1’ books; this causes difficulty when the teacher of one subject area wishes to collect books for marking overnight and the student needs the book for the next class. The Marbig Colour Hide spiral bound exercise books have proven to be good for most students. These come in a range of different plastic coloured covers which makes it easier for the students to quickly identify which book is for which subject. They are available from Big W and similar outlets. Please note, this brand is only a suggestion.

THERESE DIXON
Head of Department
Junior School

YEAR 9 MARKET DAY

On Friday 05 December at Parade, the Year 9 Business students presented to Mr Noel Ryan, President of the Riding for the Disabled Association Maryborough a cheque for $300.00, as a result of the marketing projects that took place last term. From applying their knowledge of business and marketing practices in the real world, the students collected proceeds by selling confectionary, slices, cupcakes, cookies, cards and craft items that were sold on a school Market day.

The students put forward suggestions of a charity for the money to go towards and the resounding vote went to the Riding for the Disabled Association. They are a voluntary, non-profit organisation which provides opportunities for anyone with a disability to enjoy safe, healthy, stimulating, therapeutic, horse-related activities in Australia. They do not receive any government funding. All the money used to maintain the horses, equipment and grounds comes from donations, grants and fundraising (sausage sizzles and a yearly garage sale).

FIONA REYNOLDS
Business Teacher
CONGRATULATIONS to Brittany Thompson who won the Senior Section of the Australian Association for the Teachers of English - Fifty word short story competition. This is a national competition and her success is no mean feat. Her story appeared in our newsletter in September and was written in a Super Scribblers Society Workshop at school. The theme students were asked to respond to was “Golden”. Well done Brittany!

RAYNA MORRIS
Head of Department - English

| **The Golden Treasure**  
by Brittany Thompson |
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Sunlight seeps through the door. The wind chimes whistle in the breeze. Resting in her hands is the golden treasure: as precious as the first prize; as smooth as delicately woven silk. Careful not to drop it, she runs.

‘Daddy, look!’
He smiles, taking the gift.
‘Who wants scrambled eggs?’

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Knives are flying, guns will sing,
This is what the war will bring.
Isis crisis, the Jihad War,
No one will win, nothing more.
Disgusted and anxious, what’s going on?
Why do they do it? It’s all so wrong.
TV’s on, red rain will fall,
They broadcast live so we see it all.
The pain we feel, the tears we cry,
The fear we know it’s all inside.
They hide their faces all in shame,
They’re the ones inflicting pain.
The hatred, the camera, the guns at their side,
No freedom now, we must abide.
We can’t see their faces, only eyes,
Those dark black eyes staring - as Eden dies.

| **Betrayal**  
By Lindsy Lethbridge |
|---|
I stand there quietly, frozen in time, unsure of what to do.
My head is spinning, a sea of thoughts, oh why did it have to be you?
I thought you were my friend, my mate, but instead false from the start.
Because you uttered those painful words my heart was torn apart.

I feel as if my world is crumbling, turning inside out.
I try to speak. Not one word, my throats as dry as a drought.
Before I speak you push me down, onto the cold cement.
The anger I feel begins to build. I know what you said you meant.

You stand there…a mountain, towering tall and high above me.
I see your face, a devilish look, as I begin to plea.
Your so called friends continue to torment, when will you stop this hell?
And as you join them, just mere entertainment, my eyes begin to well.

The pain and trauma you have caused will stay forever more.
Saying sorry won’t help a bit, even if you’re pleading at my door.
I thought you were my friend, my mate, but instead false from the start.
Because you uttered those painful words my heart was torn apart.

| **Summer**  
By Sophia Hewitt |
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In my head I hear humming
Summer, Summer, Summer is coming
Summer is here!
Swimming and jumping off the pier

Camping with friends, and chillin’ on the beach
Sunbaking and becoming as pink as a peach
Making memories with summer, soccer on the sand
Feeling the beach towel rub against my hand

Everybody loves Summer
No school, we all get a little dumber
Running on tippy toes, the sand sizzling like bacon
Hippy guys walking ‘round saying “what’s shaken?”

We went to the beach to get wind in our hair
To stand on the sand and to simply stare
To let the surf tickle our feet and dampen our clothes
To feel the water wash between our toes

The beach is heaven, it is my life
I’ll stay here forever, until I’m in strife
The waves dance as they hit the shore
Oh, how I want to see more

Running along the beach
Watching the surf instructors teach
When you’re at the beach
You might see surfers riding out to sea
When you’re at the beach
You might see…ME!

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Aldridge SHS Science & Engineering Wide Bay Champions Trophy Presentation

Emma from USQ visited our school in October to present the Aldridge Year 9 and Year 10 Science and Engineering Team with the regional champions shield.

Our intrepid young scientists from Year 9 and 10, made the trek up to Hervey Bay to compete in the University of Newcastle/USQ Science & Engineering Competition in May, earlier this year.

The students were an absolute credit to our school. Their manners, enthusiasm, teamwork and sense of fun were outstanding. As a teacher involved with these children, I can say I was very proud to be associated with them.

We have been attending this competition since 2006 and have been in the top three on every occasion. This year's competition involved eight private and state schools from Hervey Bay and Maryborough.

This is our third win in a row and we have won four times in the last five years. We travelled to Sippy Downs Campus of USC for the State Final in August and came third in the state. This follows our second place in Townsville last year.

Special thanks must go to the teachers of these wonderful students, Mr Higgins for his continued enthusiastic support of our teams and the local Rotary clubs who always come to our aid financially. Judging by the performance of the Year 9 students who attended, things are looking good for next year.

Congratulations, again, to our little geniuses.

IAIN CARSON
Head of Department - Science
On Friday 05 December 2014, teachers Trudy CONNELL and Fiona REYNOLDS were inducted into the Aldridge State High School “LIFERS” wall.

Both Trudy and Fiona started teaching at Aldridge High in 1989 and have joined the prestigious club of Aldridge “Lifers”.

Congratulations Trudy and Fiona, and here’s too many more years at the school.

Pictured left: Trudy CONNELL and Fiona REYNOLDS

Coralie GUNN and her band of students from Year 8 and 9 have been working tirelessly to complete the mosaic wall between F and G Block.

Guys, you have been doing a wonderful job and the wall looks fantastic!

Well Done Guys!

Pictured left: Mrs Coralie GUNN (sitting) and some of the Year 8 & 9 students who have completed the mosaic wall.
P&C News

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the P&C Committee. I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and I hope to see lots of new faces next year not only at the school but also at the P&C Meetings.

The Tuckshop now has EFTPOS!!! We are very happy to advise that the EFTPOS machine has finally been installed and is up and running. We hope this will not only help the students but also parents who will be able to utilise it for the purchasing of uniforms.

We will be looking for new P&C Executives next year as one of our very long term Volunteers is retiring and other Executives children are finishing Year 12. If you are interested in becoming one of the team, please come along to our first meeting next year, which will be held on Wednesday 11 February 2015. Or if you would just like to find out more about what’s happening in your school, please come along to any of the meetings, no pressure to take on a position. See below a description of the roles within the P & C.

The role of the P&C within the school community:
The P&C should be a genuine partner in the school’s life, working as one with the school and the wider community to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students of the school. With this in mind all positions on the P&C will be open in 2015 and will need undertaking. The roles are:

PRESIDENT

The main role of the president is to make sure that the meetings run efficiently and to ensure that decisions are made.

The president should:
- provide leadership and act as a representative of the P&C;
- ensure time is used effectively;
- cultivate good communication between the P&C, school and community;
- encourage participation;
- conduct meetings in an efficient and timely manner so that all members feel valued;

SECRETARY

The secretary should maintain the records and minutes for the P&C.

The secretary should:
- 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.

VICE-PRESIDENT

The role of the vice-president is to provide essential support for the president and possibly other members of the team, i.e. assisting the secretary or the treasurer in some of their tasks.

The Vice-President should:
- consider this position as the president’s understudy
- provide support and assistance to the president

TREASURER

The treasurer has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C.

Treasurers must:
- prepare an annual budget for 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 the DETE Regional Office.

TUCKSHOP TREASURER

The tuckshop treasurer is basically the same as the treasurer but they are only responsible for the tuckshop accounts.
A reminder that uniforms and calculators are available for sale in the Tuckshop. The Tuckshop is open every day between 8.00 am – 2.00 pm. Buy your uniforms from the tuckshop and help support the school. We are also offering a 3 month lay-by to pay off your uniforms. Buy up now ready for next year. Don’t forget that the Tuckshop now has EFTPOS for the payment of uniforms.

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Our tuckshop is our most valuable fundraiser and it is desperately in need of volunteers to help out with preparation and serving. If you have any spare time to help out, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Juanita or Jenny at the Tuckshop on 4120 8423.

PAST P&C PRESIDENT OF ALDRIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

On a sad note we would like to acknowledge the wonderful work that Tracey Sengstock has done for the school and the Aldridge State High School P&C. She was a tireless worker and loved the school – You will be missed.

Pictured left:
Tracey Sengstock, our hard-working President from 2010 to 2013.

In memory of a faithful friend and colleague – passed away on 21 November 2014.
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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.

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Aldridge State High School P&C Association has just signed on to be part of the Quickbeds Grassroots Fundraising Program. This is a great opportunity for our P&C Association to raise funds.

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Next time you are booking accommodation, go to Quickbeds and use our unique Grassroots Code: 1316 and you'll be helping the P&C

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Click now and check them out...

TELL YOUR FRIENDS:
You don't have to be a member to use the P&C code. Forward this link to your friends and family and if they click on the link and book the money goes to Aldridge State High School P&C Association.

ELLEN BOLDERROW  
Treasurer
FUNDRAISING
We are very grateful to the Fraser Coast Volleyball Association, Anne Maddern (local Sate Member of Parliament), the Maryborough RSL, the Maryborough Sports Club, Maryborough Sugar Factory and Warren Truss (Wide Bay Federal Member of Parliament) for their very generous donations.

We thank the following businesses for supporting us by taking up our advertising packages:

- Le Boudoir (Ladies Beauty Parlour)
- Allen Gillespie Electrical
- Michelle’s Cutting Edge (Hair Designer, 208 Walker St)
- Tinana Fluid Power
- Murray Barnett Plumbing
- The Land of Sweets
- Fraser Coast Fuels
- Advance Tyeares
- Delux Party Hire
- Woof Dog Spa & Boutique

NOTE:
Please see details of each business throughout the newsletter.

Once again we thank the following businesses who donated prizes for our raffles.

- Maryborough Fitness Health & Bodyworks (Gym memberships)
- UltraTune (Car service voucher)
- The Friendlies Discount Pharmacy (beautiful gift basket)
- Bob Jane T-Mart (tyre voucher)
- Harvey Norman (steam mop)
- Sports Power (inline skates)
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- Bell Hill-Top Bakery
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GOOD LUCK TO THE PLAYERS OFF TO MELBOURNE FOR THE NATIONALS.
WE HOPE YOU BRING BACK LOTS OF MEDALS!!!
HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED RECENTLY?

Don’t forget to call into the main admin office to collect a **Blue Change of Details Advice Form**. Completing this form when any of your details change - ie. Change of Address, Contact Telephone Numbers, Emergency Contacts or change in family circumstances, enables us here at Aldridge High to be able to contact you in any situation, quickly and accurately.

Please note that we require “Proof of Address” when updating your address details (Documents that can be used are a Lease Agreement; Telephone, Electricity or Rates Account).

Thank you

**Purple - The New BLACK!**
Your safety

With the upcoming school holidays, Queensland Rail is urging families and students to be Railsmart by following these simple rules at level crossings and around rail property:

- Pay attention to signs and signals
- Never enter a level crossing if the red lights are flashing and pedestrian gates/boom gates are closed.
- Always look for the second train
- Keep yourself and your mates safe by not taking shortcuts and unnecessary risks around tracks
- Avoid the distractions of headphones and mobile phones

Trains can weigh upwards of 10,000 tonnes and take 2 kms to stop.

Disobeying level crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but illegal and could result in prosecution.

Queensland Rail is encouraging parents and schools to discuss this important safety information with their students and children, empowering them to be Railsmart.

Further information and activities for teachers and students can be found at queenslandrail.com.au/railsafe or beonthesafeside.com.au
Anne Maddern MP
MEMBER FOR MARYBOROUGH

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