Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

**ALEXANDRA HILLS STATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Yesterday, Alexandra Hills State School held the annual cross-country. It was a fantastic event, which saw numerous examples of students striving to achieve their personal best. It was great to see so many parents and caregivers cheering on students; it certainly added to the carnival and I am sure it assisted students to finish strongly.

The winning house will be announced at today’s school assembly.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to all the parents who came to Wednesday’s Parent/Teacher interviews. We had a fantastic turn out with a high percentage of parents/caregivers coming in to discuss their child with the class teacher. It is a great opportunity to build a productive partnership, hear how your child is going in class and have any questions/concerns answered. If you were unable to attend, I would encourage you to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Those in Mrs. Johnstone’s class will be notified when the rescheduled meetings will take place when she returns back to school next week.

**SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION**

Monday saw Alexandra Hills State School induct our 2016 School Leaders. This is one of the highlights of the school calendar, as we formally recognise students that were elected by the school community as school leaders. We have outstanding school leaders who I am confident will achieve great things for Alexandra Hills State School in 2016.

**GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Today, our school leaders and other school leaders from all over the Brisbane Region attended the Grip Leadership Conference, held at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler.

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as school leaders. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do right now.

The goal of the conference is that student leaders leave with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader. I am certain our school leaders will return full of enthusiasm and full of ideas that will improve Alexandra Hills State School.

**P&C—ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have contributed to the Alexandra Hills State School P&C Cake Stall. It has been very difficult to concentrate in the Office as a virtual parade of delectable cakes and slices have been making their way to the Tuck Shop! A fantastic effort, and greatly appreciated. When you come in to vote tomorrow make sure you stop in and grab a bite to eat at the BBQ and buy a cake. It is a win-win situation with you not only getting something delicious to eat; you are also supporting the students of Alexandra Hills State School. If you want to donate your time or items to sell in the cake stall, please see Denney at the Tuck Shop.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Find the newsletter online at: www.alexhillss.eq.edu.au
Congratulations to this week’s “Students of the Week”

Rosie—Prep Orange
Obira—P/1 Pink
Hannah—1 Red
Byron—2/3 Plum
Daniel—4 Black
David—6 Lime

Riley—P/1 Pink
Ashton—P/1 Pink
Heath—2 Yellow
Steven—3/4 Blue
Zane—5 Aqua

Music Award—Jake—6 Lime

Last Week’s Students of the Week Award Recipients:

Indy—Prep Orange
Jelena—Prep Orange
Ayarna—P/1 Pink
Kiara—P/1 Pink
Oliver—P/1 Pink
Riley—P/1 Pink
Kellya—1 Red
Natalie—2 Yellow
David—2/3 Plum
Lavinia—3/4 Blue
Hunter—4 Black
Mia—5 Aqua
Jasmine—6 Lime
Music—Clara 4 Black

Student Absences
If your child is absent from school please don’t forget to notify the office.
The Student Absence line is a 24 hour number. Just leave a message with your child’s name, class and reason for the absence!

07 3820 0360

Please advise the school of any change of details such as: address, telephone number/s, email address, medical conditions etc...

P&C:
Next Meeting:
Tues 12th April
(First Tuesday after the school holidays!)
6.30pm in the Staff Room.
All Welcome!

Student Banking
Student Banking is processed here each Wednesday with the Commonwealth Bank. Please drop off deposit books to the office in the morning!

Class of the Week: Prep Orange

Students of the Week—Week Seven
ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOLS

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Alexandra Hills State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on (07) 3820 0333

CHAPPY NEWS

So who is a School Chaplain?

School chaplains have been providing social, emotional and spiritual support in schools now for 26 years. All school chaplains meet the minimum qualification standards set by the state and federal governments. 90% of SU (Scripture Union) QLD chaplains exceed these requirements with qualifications at the Diploma level and above across Youth Work, Human Services, Education, Theology/Ministry.

Why school Chaplains?

One of the most important features of school chaplaincy is that it complements rather than duplicates the work of other school based support staff e.g. Guidance Officer. School chaplains operate in the promotion, prevention and early intervention. They work in a support role, rather than in a counselling or case management role, referring complex issues onto other professionals and specialists. I have been here for 10 years and also service Ormiston State School (4yrs).

My office is in B Block and I am here Thursdays and Fridays 8:30am till 3:30pm. There is an approved referral system in place in order to see the chaplain. Please enquire.

Chappy Terry
School Chaplain

Loading Zones – Drop off / Pick Up Areas

The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using it to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area. Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children. This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of ALL motorists.

Please do:
• Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
• Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors
• Drive out safely
• Talk to your children about what time to be there and not to stray or wander away
• If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

Do not:
• Get out of your vehicle
• Double park
• Stay more than 2 minutes
• Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
• Use staff parking areas

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility. If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on 1300 360 135.

Recycling Matters!

Next Tuesday 22nd March, a representative from Indigiscapes will be coming to school to discuss waste and recycling.

Students will be introduced to the materials that make up the most of our waste and what happens to these materials during the recycling process.

THE ROCK FOOD-LINK

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Naturally great fun at Jabiru for the Easter holidays

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the Easter holidays. We'll explore the natural world, making all sorts of things from natural materials from percussion instruments to rubber stamps. Bring your scooter or skateboard for our Wheely Fun Day and enjoy the colourful fun of the Jabiru Colour Run. Children from Alexandra Hills State School are warmly welcomed at Jabiru’s vacation care programs at Hilliards, Coolnwynpin, Birkdale South or Cleveland State Schools. The full program is available from Jabiru Alexandra Hills or online at www.jabiru.org.au. Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: Call Jabiru’s admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.

Life Education

Life Education exists to empower children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th April. There is no cost to parents! For more information visit the Life Education website at: www.lifeeducation.org.au

Obstacle Obsession

School Holiday Fun

Kids Fitness made FUN! No two days the same but always active, outdoors and loads of fun!!!

- Games
- Ball skills
- Running
- Obstacles
- Climbing
- Exploring

Mon-Fri 8am to 1pm
153 Karingal Road, Mount Cotton
Ph: 0414 604 168

Raiders Softball Club

Sign On Day

Looking to get the kids active and motivated on the weekends? Sign up at http://tinyurl.com/zalb5x2 or on site 20th March 10am—12pm at the Ormiston Softball Grounds. Season starts Sunday 17th April. Players are needed for all grades. All games are played on a Sunday at the softball grounds. For more information contact Scott on 0407 624 415 or John on 0407 171 713, or email raiders@raiderssoftball.com.au or find us on facebook!

FOR SALE:

3x size 10 Alexandra Hills State School Uniform shirts. Great condition $10 each
1 x size 10 “Banksia” House Shirt. Near new $10. Shorts and a jumper also available.
Contact Kylee on 0478 560 733 or email kyleeclarke@gmail.com

ZumbaKids

Thursdays 4.00-4.45pm in the Lester Centre. $8 per child per session or a 5-class pass for $35!!
Contact Shannoah on 0415 745 741

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

We will also be running a 3 day kids kayak program during the school holidays for $125.00. Sessions will be 1.5hrs each day and will include light refreshments and photos.

Please email our office for the upcoming dates

Redlands Kayak Tours

BOOK NOW 1300 529 258 or email admin@redlandskayaktours.com.au