There certainly is a lot going on around Alexandra Hills State School. This week has seen NAIDOC celebrations take place which included “Deadly Choices” coming into the school to play traditional games with students. “Dance Fever” started Hip Hop Dance lessons with all students and “Magic TFA” came to the school to showcase soccer to all students. Along with our dynamic curriculum the students are getting a very diverse and highly stimulating education!

AHSS VALUES
This week saw the focus on promoting the school values of respect for self, respect for others and respect for the school. Positive lunch time behaviour, placing rubbish in the bin, moving quietly and orderly from one area to another and lining up quietly for class/activities have been targeted behaviours. The teachers and the students have done a tremendous job adhering to the expectations and have produced pleasing results. At the end of the day, we all want a school which is conducive to learning and is a positive and safe learning environment.

TUCKSHOP UPDATE
The position of Tuckshop Convenor has been advertised in the Bayside Bulletin, the Wynnum Herald and the School newsletter. Positions close today, with shortlisting and interviews taking place next week. In the interim, the P&C will be running the Tuckshop each Friday, to utilise the remaining stock and raise money for the school. We are currently looking at Tuckshop menus from other schools and familiarising ourselves with the Healthy Choices initiatives. As a school, Alexandra Hills State School is committed to providing the school community with a healthy and affordable menu. We greatly appreciate the community’s support and patience during this time of transition.

NAIDOC
Yesterday, all students participated in NAIDOC celebrations. The day started with Aunty Merle a Quandamooka elder, delivering a welcome to country. Aunty Merle also participated in a Q&A session with the Year 3 students which was very informative. All students participated in learning traditional Aboriginal/Islander games, delivered by Deadly Choices and PCYC. A morning tea, celebrating our fantastic diversity within the school was well received by all who attended. Mere Leota did a wonderful job coordinating the festivities by involving key service providers and celebrating the rich cultures that our school community is so proud of.

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UNIFORM
At Monday’s P&C meeting, I introduced the revised Alexandra Hills State School Uniform Policy. It is important to stress that the school uniform is not being changed, it will simply be enforced. We are sending out the proposed policy for the school community to review and comment on. There are several key points which will see focused discussion and guide the endorsement of the Uniform Policy:

It is proposed that the fluorescent house shirts are to be replaced, and that the house shirts (and sports shoes) are only worn on the day students have PE.
It is proposed that all students will wear black shoes. This aspect of the Uniform Policy will not be enforced until 2015 and ensures that whether the shoes cost $5 or $500, everyone looks the same.
A winter uniform will be implemented.

At the end of the day, the school is committed to working with parents/caregivers to ensure that all students comply with the Uniform Policy. Please read the policy, it will be discussed at the P&C meeting on 18 August. It is essential that the final Uniform Policy is supported by the whole school community and is rigorously discussed and agreed upon.

WELCOME BACK
We are pleased to welcome our School Based Chaplain Terry Keen back to school after his vacation to Europe. Terry’s entire program has recommenced and everyone was very excited to see him back at school and hear of his adventures. It’s great to have you back Terry!

Have a great weekend!

Wayne

SAVE THE DATE—Make up your team
AHSS—Trivia Night
Saturday 30 August