IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Phone: 07 3820 0333
Student Absence Line: 07 3820 0360 (24 hour service)
Outside School Hours Care: 0407 179 869

P&C:
Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd Feb 2016!!
New Members Welcome!

WHAT’S ON:
Parade: Friday
Afternoons at 2.05pm
Tuckshop open every Monday and Friday!
Uniforms now sold through the tuckshop!

FROM THE FRONT DESK

WELCOME TO 2016
What an exciting year we have ahead of us! It has been an exceptionally positive start to the year with greater than expected enrolments, a dynamic staff and an enthusiastic school community who are all determined to ensure every child at Alexandra Hills State School receives the best possible educational experience.

All the students have started the school year with enthusiasm and excitement. Already, teachers have them working at full capacity as they strive to implement a very full and engaging curriculum. Our Prep students and Year One students have done particularly well and are taking great pride in their reading, writing and math work that they have completed. It certainly is an exciting time in the classrooms! I would encourage you to pop into your child’s classroom, talk to the teacher and see first-hand the fantastic work that they are doing this year.

Improved communication is a key focus in 2016. As a school we are committed to ensure a clear line of communication between the school and home. This will see a greater utilisation of social media, easy access to upcoming events, improved signage (including the installation of a digital sign at the front of the school) and more opportunities for face-to-face consultation.

There will be an emphasis on behaviour as we introduce the Positive Behaviour 4 Learning framework. This will see mandated lessons focusing on school expectations, a consistent approach to addressing inappropriate behaviours and a greater emphasis on recognising and celebrating positive behaviour.

This year we are introducing a new Math, English and Science curriculum that will see students exposed to a greater variety of high-interest, hands-on learning experiences. As is the case at Alexandra Hills State School, the curriculum will be fully differentiated, meaning that students that require additional support or extension will be provided for.

We also have our Excellence Program continuing with this term focusing on Zumba. The Excellence Program is designed to provide all students with the opportunity to participate in extra curricula activities that benefit the whole child (both mentally and physically). As was the case last year, there is no cost to parents.

We have a fantastic group of school leaders who are determined to make their mark in 2016. Already, the Student Council has met (lead by Mrs. Johnstone) and is devising projects that will benefit both Alexandra Hills State School and the wider community. The Leadership Induction Ceremony and the Grip Leadership Conference all take place next month.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETING/BBQ
This Thursday (BBQ starts at 5:30), Alexandra Hills State School will host the Parent/Teacher Meeting/BBQ. It is a great opportunity to introduce yourself to your child’s teacher, hear about how the classroom operates and also a chance to catch up with other members of the school community (it is an opportunity to grab a free sausage personally cooked by me!). It is vital that parents work with teachers for the betterment of their child. Opportunities such as this are vital in developing positive and productive partnerships between the school and home. If you are unable to make the evening, do not hesitate to introduce yourself to your child’s teacher and look for opportunities to get involved in your child’s education.
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

UNIFORMS
Today students will be informed of their sporting house. To save confusion, a note will also be sent home today informing parents/caregivers of the house allocation and details about purchasing the sport shirts.

We are all very excited about the implementation of the Uniform Policy for Alexandra Hills State School. At the moment, the school staff are enforcing the dress code for our students unanimously supported by the school community last year. These expectations promote the good image of our school. If your child receives a Uniform Violation Slip, please take the time to read it and act on the areas identified. If you have any issues that prevent your child wearing the full school uniform or have questions or concerns regarding the Alexandra Hills State School Uniform Policy, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

NEW CLASSES
Due to the higher than anticipated enrolments, Mrs. Sala will be joining our staff and teaching a newly formed 3/4 class starting Monday. This has resulted in slight adjustments with most classes, which will result in smaller, tailored classes. We have attached the new class lists with the newsletter. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
The new Alexandra Hills State School Attendance Policy is attached to this newsletter. It is vital that students come to school and miss as little schooling as possible. Our aim for 2016 is for school attendance to average 93% of students at school every day. For us to achieve this goal, parents need to work with the school. The Alexandra Hills State School Attendance Policy outlines key responsibilities for the students, parents/caregivers and the school. Please read the document and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

NEW STAFF
I would like to welcome the new staff members who have joined our dynamic teaching staff for 2016. Vanessa Orr (Year 2 Blue) has joined us from Bundaberg and Alisha McDonald (Year 3 Yellow) joins us from Mount Isa. Both are highly respected educators. I am confident that both will be fantastic new additions to the teaching staff. Kirstyn Crease will be taking on the role of Music Teacher and will also be taking charge of the School Choir and the Ukulele Band. We also welcome back Jula Richardt (1 Red), Karen Sala (Year 3/4 White), Stacey Dabelstein (4 Black) and Vadym Krystolov (HPE) who have rejoined our staff. As a school community, we are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and passionate staff!

I would like to welcome all of our returning families and our new enrolments. I can confidently say that you will not get a better education anywhere else, and we are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

Enjoy your weekend!

Welcome from the P&C!
A big welcome to all of our students and families! The Alexandra Hills State School P&C Association are always looking for new members to come along and help fundraise for our great school. Last year we held our biannual School Festival, coinciding with the school’s 40th Anniversary. This year we are looking for other fundraising initiatives to raise money to enable us to continue to support great programs such as the Whole School Swimming Program, The Chaplaincy Program, and also to assist with funding events such as the Year 5/6 Camp.

Our first meeting of the year will be held next Tuesday 2nd February at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you!!!

Tuckshop/Uniform Shop
The Tuckshop is open every Monday and Friday!! We have an exciting new menu with plenty of tasty, healthy options on offer! Copies of the Menu are available at the office if you missed out!

Uniforms are available for sale every Monday and Friday at the tuckshop:

School Shirts $25
House (Sport) Shirts $18
Hats $8