



Ayr State School NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 10 2023

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Principal's Pen...

Thanks to all of the hard work by students, staff and families, we have made it to holidays. We all deserve 2 weeks of bliss with our families to rest and rejuvenate before Term 2 commences on 17th April. It will kick off at Ayr State School with Footsteps conducting dancing for all students. What a great way to start the new term.

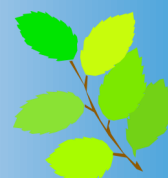
It is my pleasure to announce that Ayr State School has grown so much since the commencement of the year, that we have enough students to create another class. Whilst we would all like this to start at the beginning of Term 2, causing the least disruption to students, we need to locate a teacher. The new structure will be P/1, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6, creating composite classes and not multi-age classes. I understand this may cause some families concern, but it will mean smaller class sizes across the school, benefiting each child at school. Thank you for your continued patience and trust in the school, to educate your children.

Our Priority Support Review (PSR), which commenced in 2021, is still ongoing. We had a PSR visit yesterday from Stephen Bobby (PSR Case Manager) and Suzanne Currin (Assistant Regional Director – ARD) who visited classrooms and spoke to staff whilst students were at swimming. Whilst we did not have as many students in classrooms, our visitors were able to get a sense of the curriculum being taught and look at the type of work being completed. Ayr State School was commended for increasing enrolments back up to where they were in 2020. It is evidenced that staff monitor our students and their ongoing needs, thoroughly plan curriculum and student access and reflect on current relevant data – eg Level of Achievement (LOA). Overall, we are tracking along well.

Ayr State School attendance has taken a drop and we are now at 85%. We will continue to encourage students to attend school each day, working alongside ARTIE to further motivate and reward students for high attendance. You may have noticed in Week 5, that students with 100% attendance received a certificate. This is to celebrate with the family that they are doing a wonderful job getting their child to school each day. We also understand sickness happens, but please notify the school, so it can be recorded as an explained absence.

I am enjoying being back and working amongst friendly familiar people to assist our students to achieve success. Your children bring joy to my heart each day. I am constantly greeted with smiles and hugs wherever we are throughout the day. I trust that you will cherish the next two weeks with your children until we welcome everyone back on 17th April. Have a wonderful safe Easter break.

Kind Regards,
Nikki Schell
Principal

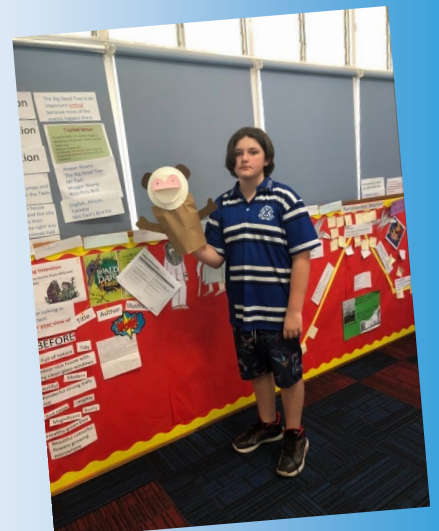
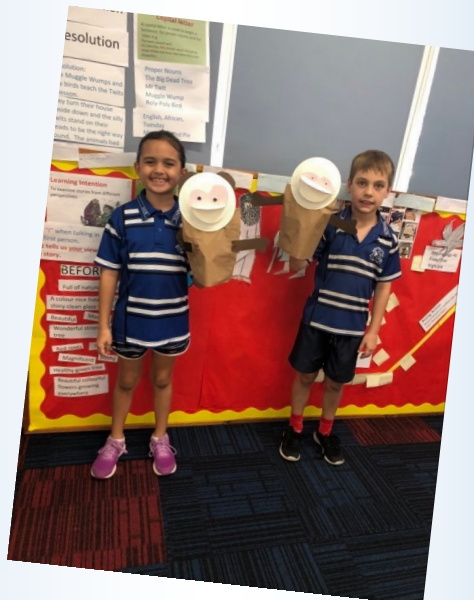
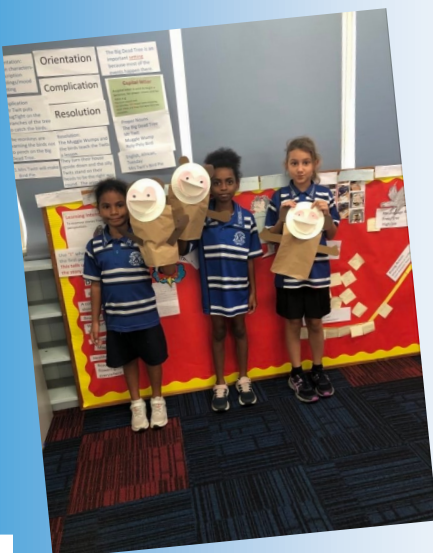
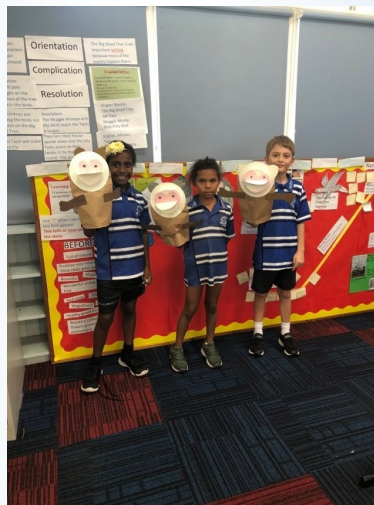


BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

Everyone is excited as the books donated by Dymocks are here. Mrs Soper is busy trying to get them on the Library shelves for the students to enjoy.



Mrs Homewood's Year 3/4/5's have been busy making hand puppets in conjunction with their narrative.





Contact the Office if you can spare an hour or two. Students love seeing their Parents/ Carers helping out at school!



Smol Tok

By Aunty Ollie & Ms Naomi

Closing the Gap Day was celebrated on the 16th March across Australia. Closing the Gap is the way the Government has changed policies to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in decision making. The commencement of this agreement was first launched in 2007. Ayr State made a display focussing on the main targets: Employment, Education, Health and Housing.



Chappy's Page...



Easter Message...NEW LIFE!

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Easter approaching let's take the time to reflect on this amazing story of God's love for us all.

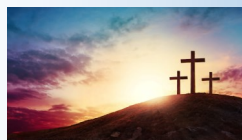
The story of Easter represents a new life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The death of Jesus represents the death of our old life, where His blood forgives our sins and reconciles us back to the Father. The resurrection of Jesus represents our new life, new creation in the image of the One who lives forever. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what Easter really means and of what the death of Jesus has accomplished for humanity.

In the book of Colossians 1:20 says: "And God was pleased for Him to make peace by sacrificing His blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and earth would be brought back to God."

Jesus sacrificed Himself because of His love to the Father and His creation. This Easter I pray we have a deep understanding of what Jesus did on the Cross and the meaning of His resurrection in our lives.

Happy Easter and many blessings!!!!

Chappy 😊



Chappy made the Staff at Ayr State feel special recently with a lovely morning tea and some amazing words of wisdom to celebrate International Women's Day. Thank you Chappy from all the Staff!





The Adopt-A-Cowboys (NRL) School Program is up and running again this year with the support of sponsor Wilmar International. We had a visit from Cowboy's representatives Tahlulah Tillet and Romy Teitzel and Wilmar representative Michael Piva on Monday 27th March. The students had a play on the oval and a talk about what they eat and how much sleep they have. The aim is for the players to act as role models to the students following the theme: 'Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well!!' Michael spoke about Cane Train safety.



Year 5 got to experience Drama, Art, and Digital Technology at Ayr High on Tuesday 28th March, this being their first Transition Day into High School. All students had an amazing day and are looking forward to the next Transition Day.



Community Notices...

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FRIDAY 26 - SATURDAY 27 MAY 2023

**BURDEKIN CULTURAL FAIR
FEAT. FIRST FIRE**
FRIDAY 26 MAY 6:00PM - 11:00PM
GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM | FREE ENTRY
AT HOME HILL SHOWGROUNDS

**AUSTRALIAN
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CHAMPIONSHIPS**
SATURDAY 27 MAY 11:00AM - 4:00PM
GATES OPEN AT 10:30AM | \$5 ENTRY FOR ADULTS (18+)
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Suicide Intervention Training

Pick up the early warning signs, know what to say, what to do and where to go for help.

The training will provide participants with the essential skills to identify and respond to a person at risk of suicide, and:

- To recognise the early warning signs of suicide
- To learn how to support a person at risk to access ready available services
- To promote help-seeking behaviour before a crisis occurs
- Each participant will learn to identify their own self-care strategies.

Please note this is not a crisis service.

Where: Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre
40 Chippendale Street, Ayr, 4807

Cost: Free (Please bring your own lunch)

When: Friday 12 May 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Enquiries: adminqld@kentishrc.com.au

Phone: 0448 894 525

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3Z5y92V>

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UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

It is critical that the school is able to contact you in an emergency. Please ensure you provide your current phone number and address by calling the office on 47903333.

School Start and Finish Times

Students are not to be at school before 8:30 a.m. as no staff are on duty.

All students are to wait in C.P.A. At the 3:00 p.m. students are to be directed to bus gate, back gate or front gate for pick up as staff will be on duty at these points.

School Bell Times

8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:50 a.m. Classes Start
11:00 a.m. Morning Tea
11:30 a.m. Classes Start
1:10 p.m. Lunch
1:40 p.m. Classes Start
3:00 p.m. School Ends



Term 1 concludes Friday 31st March 2023
Term 2 commences 17th April 2023

