Dear Families,

This week saw our Year 3 and Year 5 students sit the NAPLAN tests for Literacy and Numeracy. I was impressed with how our students were well prepared for the tests and their positive attitudes they brought to school each day.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 students are heading off to camp at Tallebudgera. I know that they will have a great time and will come back with some wonderful lifelong memories.

**READING STARS**

As you may know, Reading is one of our school's key priorities this year, with a significant amount of resourcing going towards additional teacher aides for guided reading time, increasing support teacher time, additional teacher time for individual and small group intensive reading programs for a number of our students, purchasing of reading resources and intervention programs as well as spending time with staff to continue developing their skills in the teaching of reading. We have already seen some good gains with our students which is great.

Our reading program includes oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension and fluency. Below are some of our reading stars using the THRASS phonics program which we implement from Years 2 to 6.

**State Schools are Great Schools!**

Note: This newsletter is sent home to all families each fortnight and can also be downloaded from the school's website: www.acaciaridges.eq.edu.au
BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK
Next week we are focusing on the following behaviour:

- We wear our correct uniform every day
- We wear our hat outside
- We have the correct shoes and socks on
- We put our name on our clothes

OUR SCHOOL FETE
As you would know, our school fete is not far away. I urge you to become involved whether it be volunteering on the day, donating goods through the weekly class donations or baking for the cake stall. Recently the P&C sent home a volunteer register note so please return this to the office if you can help. You can also read more information about the Fete in our P&C section of this newsletter.

UNIFORMS
As we move towards Winter, it is becoming necessary for our students to be warm. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct winter uniform, which is a plain black jumper (no motifs, patterns etc.) or school jumper and black pants.

ATTENDANCE
As you know attendance at school is extremely important. We have a large percentage of ‘unexplained’ absences on our system. If your child is going to be away, it is vital that you contact the school so that an explanation can be put next to the absence. Patterns of unexplained absences or three consecutive days absent will be followed up with parents/carers.

On a positive note, we have had a number of students who have shown increases in their attendance. As a result of this, some of these students have shown improvements in their academic results, self-esteem and general attitude towards school. Every day does count and helps make a positive difference to student learning outcomes.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
This year we will be participating in the Sporting Schools Program which is funded by the Federal Government. Similar to the program we ran last year, we will be providing our students with a free after school sport program. Information regarding this program will go home this week.

PARKING IN THE STREETS
I have received some communication by some of the neighbours in our area concerned about cars being parked on the footpaths outside their residences. I ask that you consider the impact that this has on our neighbours and ensure that you are parking legally and in the correct zones.

FACILITIES UPDATE
The department has engaged a structural engineer to carry out necessary investigations around ongoing structural concerns with B Block (currently leased to the Benevolent Society). As a result of these investigations, it has been determined to be uneconomical to repair. The department has reviewed the school capacity in terms of classroom accommodation and amenities and found that even with B Block removed from the total capacity, we still have the capacity to cater for future student growth. Therefore, B Block will be demolished during June and July. The Benevolent Society will move into D Block, which previously housed the regional Behaviour Intervention Centre. There will be work carried out in D Block over the coming months. If you have any questions regarding this, please don’t hesitate to come in and see me. All reports, cost estimate reports, classroom accommodation and toilet calculators are available for viewing.

Kind regards,

Penny Grant
### 25 Star Stamps

**Term 2 – Week 2 & Week 3**

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TUCKSHOP NEWS
Mums or Grandmas who are willing to donate one (1) batch of muffins or pikelets per term starting now.
We are also looking for some help on Friday at second lunch to help hand out reward ice blocks.
If anybody could help it would be greatly appreciated.
Just pop into the tuckshop or you can phone the school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Many thanks,
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OPEN DAY AT YERONGA STATE HIGH
All Year 5 & 6 students are invited to spend a day experiencing a typical high school day.

WHEN: Tuesday, 19 May 2015
TIME: 9:30am – 2:00pm
WHAT TO BRING: Morning Tea and Lunch
WHAT TO WEAR: School Uniform

There will also be an information session for parents from 9:45 – 10:30am – an opportunity to meet staff and have all your questions answered.
For more information, please contact Tracey on 3249 1400 or twalk78@eq.edu.au

P&C NEWS
School Fete – Saturday May 30th, 10am – 2pm
TWO WEEKS until our fete.

Donations – Week 4 (from 18th May)
- Zooper Dooper ice blocks
- Cake/Biscuit/Slice Ingredients

The class who donates the most in week 4 will be rewarded with an Ice Cream Party on the Friday of that week.

The class who donates the most over the four (4) weeks will win a Pizza Party.

Rides – Unlimited ride arm bands
You may purchase the unlimited band for $25 before the day or $30 on the day or each ride on the day is $5. Bands can be purchased online at
www.partytimeamusements.com.au just click on
the event tickets on the left hand side of the drop
down menu then scroll down and choose the
Acacia Ridge State School logo and follow the
prompts.

Alternatively they can be purchased at the office.
Envelopes have been sent home and extra
envelopes are available at the office.

Volunteers – If you would like to volunteer on the
day please obtain a form from the office, even if
you can only spare an hour or want to help set up
or pack up, we will appreciate any time you can
spare – many hands make light work.

We have to say a big thank you to the following
companies who have donated towards the fete,
please support these businesses as they have
supported our school –

APACHE WHOLESALE
TYRES

Bendigo Bank
ASHMORE PALMS
HOLIDAY VILLAGE
GOLD COAST = AUSTRALIA

Archerfield
Brisbane’s Metropolitan Airport

SPOTLIGHT

RSEA Safety Shops 3&4 / 1102 Beaudesert Rd
Acacia Ridge QLD 4110,
Phone: 07 3277 3099

BEAUMONT TILES

sunnybankplaza

Kmart
Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Netball
QUEENSLAND

i’m lovin’ it
Thank you for your support and please come along and enjoy the day.

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Paint the Ridge REaD
Monthly Family Gatherings
Promoting Reading & Storytelling to Young Children

Fun Activities  Good Company
Free Event  Food
Storytelling  Bring Friends

April 25 10:30-12 @ ARCC  Aug 22 10:30-12 @ ARCC
May 23 10:30-12 @ ARCC  Sept 26 10:30-12 @ ARCC
June 20 1:00-12 @ SHL  Oct 31 10:30-12 @ ARCC
July 18 1:00-12 @ SHL  Nov 28 10:30-12 @ ARCC
Dec 19 10:30-12 @ ARCC

ARCC: Acacia Ridge Community Centre @ 21 Hamity St
SHL: Sunnybank Hills Library @ Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town (beside Aldi)
ALGESTER BLUE LIGHT DISCO

It's time to grab your dancing shoes for the next Blue Light Disco on Saturday 16 May.
The Disco is held at the Algester Community Hall situated at the Algester State School, Ridgewood Road, Algester.
Doors open at 6:30pm and the dance runs from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Entry is $5-00. Canteen open for snacks and glow products for sale.
Discos are open for primary aged children. For the safety of children, parents must drop children off at the door and collect them from the door promptly at 9:00pm. Children are not allowed out unless with a parent/guardian. Full police supervision. Any queries to Sgt Kylie Doyle, Acacia Ridge Police – Phone: 3014 3200

Sunnybank State High School
MANY WAYS TO EXCELLENCE

Parents Open Day & Morning Tea
Tuesday 26 May 2015
High School Experience Day & Open Day
Tuesday 23 June 2015

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