

ALGESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Creating Futures... Together

Our School Values - RESPECT:

- Self
- Others
- Place



Calendar Of Events

DATE		EVENT
1-Feb	Wed	Yr 6F Leadership Payment closed Yr 6 Leadership Day Student banking commences Snr Parade Commences - 2.30pm Hall E Newsletter 1
2-Feb	Thurs	Yr 6CJ Leadership Yr 2 Parent Info Sessions 6pm Yr 1 Parent Info Sessions 6pm
6-Feb	Mon	Yr 6KJ Leadership Jnr Choir Sign in - Yr 2 Jnr Parade 2.30pm
7-Feb	Tues	Yr 4 Parent Info Sessions 6pm Yr 5 Parent Info Sessions 6pm
8-Feb	Wed	Small Events Team AGM - 9am QSO Excursion payment closes Snr Parade - 2.30pm Hall Snr Choir Sign on - Yr 3-6 Beginner Inst Music Commences District Swimming Carnival
9-Feb	Thurs	Yr 6 Peer Mediator Training Student banking sign up 2.30pm Beginner Strings Workshop Beginner Strings Demo Concert 2.30pm AMAC Prep Parent Info Session 6pm Yr 6 Parent Info Session 6pm
10-Feb	Fri	Beginner Inst Music Commences Student banking sign up 2.30pm
13-Feb	Mon	Student banking sign up 2.30pm Jnr Parade 2.30pm
14-Feb	Tues	Principal's Afternoon Tea - 2.15pm AMAC P & C Meeting @ 7pm in Staffroom
15-Feb	Wed	Snr Band Rehearsals commence 7.45am School Leader Investiture -2pm E Newsletter 2 Snr Parade 2.30pm
16-Feb	Thurs	Beginner Strings instrument Care/Maintance 5.30pm - AMAC Snr String lessons commence - 7.30am Music Block
20-Feb	Mon	School Photos - Prep to Yr 5 No Jnr parade
21-	Tues	School Photos - Yr 6 & Specialist Groups

Feb		
		Yr 1 Toohey Forest Excursion
22-Feb	Wed	Yr 1 Toohey Forest Excursion
		Snr Band Rehearsals 7.45am
		Snr Parade 2.30pm

Closing Payment Dates

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- Year 6 Leadership Camp - Wednesday 1st February
- QSO Music Excursion - Wednesday 8th February
- Year 1 Toohey Forest - Wednesday 15th February

Payment Options : Cash, EFTPOS (Debit/Credit) available **Tues, Wed, thurs 8am-10am only**

If paying cash please supply the correct money in a sealed envelope.

Internet Banking Details:

Algerster Primary School General Account

BSB: 064-159

Acc: 00090165

Referenece: Please use students surname plus initial and the name of the incursion

Bpoint:

Please refer to the invoice emailed from the school. Details will be on the bottom left hand corner of the invoice.

From The Principal, 1 Feb

Welcome back to school: I trust you all have a lovely summer holiday break with your families. We've had a very organised start to the new school year and I have been so impressed with the way in which the children have settled into their classes and begun learning about their new classroom routines and school work. I do hope to see many of you in the coming days as the various events at our school take shape for the new year.

Parent Information Evenings: You will soon, if you have not already, received an invitation to attend a parent information evening for your child's class. They have been staggered to allow maximum parental participation. We do hope you can attend to see how things work in your child's classroom.

Keep Informed: The school works very hard to keep you informed and we regularly use such communication tools as the school newsletter, school Facebook page and the QSchools App. Please subscribe to each of these so you can keep well informed about what is happening at school. From time to time urgent messages are sent via the QSchools App so you will need to download this free App, select our school, and set it up to receive push notifications. Parents also have the option to set up the QParents App which allows you personal access to your child's information including absences, academic records and financial amounts owed.

Requisites Reminder: While we fully appreciate the cost of starting a new year, particularly with a number of students in one family, we ask that your supply the requirements of your child's class booklist as soon as possible. This will ensure they have the right materials to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered to them. We would also appreciate payment of the School Resource Payment as quickly as you can.

Student Pick-up After School: We understand how hectic the streets around Algester Primary School can become around at the end of the school day. You are asked to be patient and observe all of the normal traffic rules and council parking guidelines around school to ensure the safety of our students. We ask that parents do not park in the school grounds and ensure you stop only briefly in the pickup zone. Thank you for your cooperation in

anticipation.

Some new initiatives for 2017: We are beginning a few new things this year that are very exciting. Here is a brief summary of them:

- **STEM Coordinator:** We have a part time teacher who is our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Coordinator for the year. Her role is to advocate for Science, Digital Technologies and Coding for our students. We have a number of robotics and coding programs about to commence for a range of students across the school.
- **Upper Two Bands Champion:** We have assigned a new role of Upper Two Bands Champion to a teacher on staff who will advocate for the high achieving students in our school. She is beginning an online extension reading program for 28 students and will bring on three more rounds of students each term throughout the year. She will also assist in tracking and monitoring these students so we can focus on helping them stretch their learning.
- **MacqLit:** This is a new reading intervention program to support older readers who require additional assistance with reading.
- **Vocabulary Development:** Our teachers are investigating ways of explicitly teaching vocabulary to our students to support them to improve their reading. The best way you can help with this is to help children with difficult or less common words in home readers they may bring home prior to their reading. Just glance through the text and discuss the meaning of these words and what they look like so that when the children come across them they will be more likely to read them correctly and understand the context they are reading.
- **Prep Reading Programs:** We have a number of new programs in Prep this year to support the children's reading development. These include a phonological awareness program, a parent reading program and a Phonics program. Home reading begins straight away with parents reading to their children!

From The Deputy Principals

Parent Information Evenings

There are parent Information sessions being held over the next 2 weeks for parents to come and listen to their child's class teacher explain how the class will operate this year. These sessions are an information giving session and not an opportunity to discuss your child's progress individually with the teacher. If you require time to have a follow up meeting with your child's teacher please organise this for another time.

Tuesday 31st January	Year 3
Thursday 2nd January	Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 7th February	Year 4 and 5
Thursday 9th February	Prep and Year 6
Time: 6pm to 7pm	

Rule of the Week

This year the school will be focussing on a Rule of the Week that is based on our school Values and Rules. The rule will be discussed in class and on parade and the weekly Rule poster will be placed on the school website for parents to follow up with at home. Please see your child's teacher if you need any more information about this.

Algerst Primary School	
VALUES	SCHOOL RULES
Respect for SELF	Be a learner. Take part in activities. Wear uniform with pride.
Respect for OTHERS	Be safe. Speak politely. Use good manners. Get along with others
Respect for PLACE	Keep our school clean and tidy. Be organised for learning.

Early Arrival

We are very concerned about the number of students who are arriving at school before 8am, some as early as 7.30am, and being collected after 3.30pm. We do not supervise students before or after school - the responsibility and supervision of students are the parents at this time. Rolls are marked at 9am. Students should not be here before 8.15am and should leave at 3pm. Our school policy is that if parents need to go to work early, or collect them late they will need to access the Before School Care facilities on the school grounds or alternatively make arrangements with families of their students friends to be dropped off and supervised before or after school. Similar parents are not collecting

students at 3pm and are leaving their students to wait around the school grounds or local parks. This is very dangerous. We provide a drop off zone which is supervised till 3.20pm. Outside these hours parents will need to organise their own child supervision for the safety of their children.

New Prep Reading Programs

This year our Prep students will be taking part in two new programs centred around reading - Jolly Phonics and P.A.I.R. Last week we held two Parent Information Sessions. It was lovely to see so many of you there to hear about the programs and see how you can work with your child to develop their reading skills using these programs. This week the Prep teachers will be sending home the P.A.I.R. books along with the Jolly Phonics activity for home. We are super excited about these programs and we thank you for your support.

Jolly Phonics



Jolly Phonics is a thorough foundation for reading and writing. It uses the synthetic phonics method of teaching the letter sounds in a way that is fun and multi-sensory. Children learn how to use the letter sounds to read and write words. There will be some parent support required at home as it is important to all children as they benefit from plenty of praise and encouragement whilst learning

P.A.I.R. (Parent Assisted Immersive Reading)

Built on a wealth of local and international research, P.A.I.R. is designed to help parents create an environment where their child can become 'reading ready'. It does this by providing simple, time effective techniques for parents. If parents read aloud to their child regularly in the early years they can lift their child's reading skills significantly - now and for the future.



MATHLETICS

Students will be given their username and password for Mathletics shortly so they can access their

current Year level curriculum work. They will be able to access Mathletics from home as well.

Leadership 2017

Welcome back to our new school leaders. We are currently running the Bridge Building workshops for all year 6 students to assist them with conflict resolution skills. This is part of our leadership program that began last Friday with our Leadership day. We are also currently finalizing the voting for the House Captains, the allocation of Peer Mediators, Arts Ambassadors and Library Monitor positions. This should be done by the end of the week. We look forward to awarding the captains with their badges of office on Wednesday 15th March in week 4 at the Captains Investiture.



Interschool Sport

Interschool sport for students in Years 5 and 6 will begin with 'sign on' this Friday. Students will then be asked to trial for their chosen sport and if successful will then be required to train with the team in preparation for the first Gala day to be held on Friday March 24. The sports being offered this season are: Basketball, Soccer, Rugby League and Softball/Tee ball. If your child makes one of these teams they will be given a permission letter with payment to be returned to the office.

Senior Shirts

The senior students look wonderful in their senior uniform. I have sent home new order forms for students who do not currently have a senior shirt. They will need this shirt for their school photos in week 5. After Friday 3rd February, I will be selling the small amount of remaining shirts in very limited sizes. A note will come home Monday to inform parents of the remaining shirts available for purchase at \$26.95



Parent Information Sessions



Parent / Teacher Information

Nights: 2017

Dear Parent / Caregivers

The teaching staff of Algester Primary invite you to meet your child's teacher at Parent / Teacher Information Nights to be held at the school on the dates and times listed below. We believe that education is a partnership between the parents and the school and one will not succeed without the support of the other. It is important for you to meet your child's teacher and to understand the way in which learning occurs in that classroom. It is equally important for the teacher to meet you.

Research has shown that when the school has close links with the parents these links have been found to result in:

- Greater understanding by parents of their children's schooling
- Greater understanding by teachers of the children and their needs
- Better communication between home and school
- Fewer crises and misunderstandings
- Higher pupil morale and confidence
- More goodwill and mutual esteem between parents and teachers

Help us to develop these close links by attending the relevant Parent / Teacher Night. The details are as follows:-

Session Details:

Prep - **Thursday 9th February,**
6:00pm **Venue Classrooms**

Year 1 - **Thursday 2nd February,**

6.00pm Venue Classrooms

Year 2 - Thursday 2nd February,
6.00pm Venue Classrooms

Year 3 - Tuesday 31st January,
6:00pm Venue Classrooms

Year 4 - Tuesday, 7th February,
6.00pm Venue Classrooms

Year 5 - Tuesday 7th February,
6:00pm Venue Classrooms

Year 6 - Thursday 9th February,
6.00pm Venue Classrooms

Yours faithfully

Colin Torr

Principal

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Student Sitting Service

Student Sitting Service - The information sessions are for parents only. However, if students cannot be left at home and have to accompany you to the night they must go to the library where we will provide a video for them to sit quietly and watch. Please return the tear off below if you require the service. Students must not leave the library until you collect them. **(Students refers to school age children only).**

Number of children:

Date /s:

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Child's Name:

..... Child's Class:

Year 6 Leadership Day Success!

Our Year 6 students took part in a Leadership

Day last Friday and participated in an array of activities designed to challenge them to solve problems with others to develop their leadership skills. It was a most exciting day and enjoyed by the children and teachers alike.

Music Matters



Welcome back to school to all our music students, especially our beginners. The music teachers are very excited about events that we have planned for you in 2017.

STRINGS:

We welcome our new strings teacher, Penny Williams. Ms Williams is a highly experienced strings teacher and I am sure that strings students will benefit tremendously from their lessons with her. Ms. Williams will be at our school on Mondays and Thursdays (all day).

Beginner Strings Workshop: Will be held in the AMAC on 9 February. Parents are invited to attend a short "show-and-tell" at 2.30pm in the AMAC.

There will be Beginner Strings Instrument Care/Maintenance workshop at 5.30pm on 16 February in the AMAC.

String Orchestra : All Year 4 students are members of **String Orchestra**. Rehearsals for String Orchestra will commence at 7:30am on Monday 13/2 in the music room. Lessons for these students will also commence on Monday 13/02.

Beginner Strings : All beginner string students will have their first lesson on Monday 13/02. Year 3 teachers have the timetable. There is a string timetable in the music room also. There is no before school rehearsal for beginner strings. This rehearsal will be set during school

time and will commence during Term 2.

Senior Strings : All Year 5 and year 6 students are in **Senior Strings**. Rehearsals and lessons for these students will commence on Thursday 16/02.

BAND

Mr. Cosic is looking forward to commencing lessons and rehearsals in week 3. Senior band rehearsals will be at 7.30am, starting on 15 /02. New students will not have rehearsal until they first learn to play their instruments. They rehearsals will probably commence in term 2, on Friday mornings at 7.30am.

Mr. Cosic will be running an introductory workshop for beginner students on 8 /02 and 10/02. Students will be advised shortly of their groups and introductory lesson time.

Students are to bring a music folder, music instruction book, and sharp pencil to their lesson each week. They are to look at the timetable and be aware of their lesson time, as it rotates every week. Time-tables will be e-mailed to class teachers. A copy will also be placed on the music room notice board.

QSO EXCURSION

All year 5 and year 6 students would have received a note about our QSO excursion for 2017. It is called "Dance Inspirations" and will be held at the QSO Studios, Southbank. The first 45 students

CHOIR

If your child enjoys singing and wishes to join the school choir, please ask them to see me on a Monday at second break (year 2 Junior Choir) or Wednesday (Year 3-6 Senior Choir). Sign-on is taking place this week and choir rehearsals will commence in week 3.

The music teachers are looking forward to another wonderful year full of exciting music experiences with your child.

Futsal News

Futsal State Titles Trials 2017:

Next week we will be conducting trials for the South East Qld Futsal State Titles which is being held in March this year. Notes have

already been distributed to interested students. This will be Algester's 4th year of entering this particular tournament and we are looking to build on our success from last year which saw two of our teams qualify for the finals day and our Senior Girls reaching the semi-finals.

Details of the trials are listed below:

- Monday 30th January 7:30-8:30am – Year 6 Boys
- Tuesday 31st January 7:30-8:30am – Year 5 Boys
- Wednesday 1st February 7:30-8:30am – Year 5 & 6 Girls

Trials will be conducted in the hall and students must wear a pair of shin pads and return their signed permission form. If there are any issues in attending the trials please contact us at the school.

2017 – National Club Futsal Titles

Congratulations to Freddie Cruse (Yr6) who participated in the National Club Futsal Championships in Sydney this month. His side lost their Semi Final after winning 6 games to get there. Freddie was selected in the tournament All Stars Team (which is made up of the Top 5 players from across the competition for his division as judged by other coaches and selectors at the tournament) and in an Australian team to tour Malaysia. Freddie was originally selected into the Qld Schools National Futsal team from his performances for Algester in the South East Qld Futsal State Titles for Schools in March 2016. His Qld team won that tournament in September last year and from that tournament Freddie was selected into the Qld National Club Futsal team. Well done Freddie!

2016 Futsal Wrap Up:

U12 Girls Australasian Futsal Champion of Champions Tournament

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th November 2016

Over the weekend 25th-27th November our Senior Girls Futsal team competed in the U12/U13 Girls division at the Australasian Futsal Champion of Champions tournament. The top four (4) teams from the Champion of Champions in Southern QLD and Northern NSW, the top two (2) teams from Tasmania, Victoria, Southern NSW and Northern QLD and

Whitsunday Regional School titles ,plus invitational school sides from other states and possible wild card entrants will compete. Our games made it through to the Semi Finals in the U12 Girls division which sadly they lost 4-1 to Calvary. Tahlia Contor was also chosen as an All Star by selectors and coaches at the tournament. Only 5 all Star awards are handed out per division and are for the best 5 players in that division. This is a big honour for Tahlia and the school. Congratulations Tahlia.

The tournament was exceptionally tough and competitive and the girls had many obstacles to overcome even before the tournament began with injuries being the main one. The girls lost Jaiden Chan-Tung and Brianna Weir before the tournament and Te-Wairua Matthews (GK) in the first few minutes of the first game to injury. This meant that we had to reshuffle our side and bring in new players at a late stage of our preparation and training. In spite of this and that the girls also had to play three U13 girls teams, the team did exceptionally well to adjust, improve and be competitive.

A big thank you to all the parents, families and friends of the team who came out over the three days to support us all. It is greatly appreciated, especially to the parents who drove students to and from the venue. Without your assistance it wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to the staff who came out to support the team on the Sunday – Mr McClintock and Miss Ockendon. The girls loved it and it helped lift them in their Semi-final.

Congratulations girls on an outstanding year. You have certainly come a long way and developed significantly since the beginning of the year where most of you started as complete rookies to the sport of Futsal. Your passion for the game, commitment to training and your toughness and competitiveness have left a big impression on your coaches and opposition teams. For the Year 6 girls in the team who are moving on to High School we wish you all the very best and hope that you continue to be involved in the game for many years to come.

Team List:

1. Te-Wairua Matthews (GK)
2. Jaiden Chan-Tung
3. Kaylah Pratt
4. Tahlia Contor
5. Amy-Lee Seeto

6. Brianna Weir
7. Tayla Fiebig
8. Eva Wilde
9. Hannah Chilton (GK)
10. Samantha O'Reilly
11. Layla Mathers

Results:

	Opposition	Result	Score
1	vs Genesis (U13)	Loss	13-0
2	vs OLR	Loss	4-1
3	vs St Andrews (U13)	Loss	13-0
4	vs Calvary	Loss	5-0
5	Mansfield State High (U13)	Loss	4-0
SF	vs Calvary	Loss	4-1

Futsal Exhibition Match:

Congratulations to the parents who defeated the staff 4-1 in the Futsal Friendly which was played in the last week of school 2016. The exhibition match was part of our end of year Futsal party. It was a big year and it was terrific to see the improvement in the student's skills and passion for the game. It was said to say farewell to our departing Year 6 Futsal players. We wish them well in their new schools and hope to see them continue their involvement in the sport for years to come. Thank you also to Nicola Zammit from Australian Futsal who came down and refereed the match and handed out prizes to students which topped off the afternoon.

We look forward to another great year in 2017.

Mr Chris Jones
Tatania Griffiths

Miss
Mr Jamin Cherry

Coach
Coach

Coach

Robotics @ Algester

We're excited that our Robotics Program has already commenced this year! The pictures below show some Yr 2 students building some small robots and controlling their movements using simple code and ipads. They had a wonderful time! This year we are introducing our Year 4 students to the new EV3 Lego Robots. These devices are the latest version of robots from Lego and connect via bluetooth from iPads and don't need to be connected via USB cable like our former devices. Algester is just so proud to offer our students these opportunities.

School Banking

School Banking Information Sessions.

Algester State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers



- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for

our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week students bring their yellow deposit book to school and give it to their teacher to put in their class's Banking Bag. This bag is then brought up to the Staff Room for processing by our volunteers. You must have completed your child's deposit slip, including student name, student ID, account number and amount to be banked. Your child will be issued with a Student ID number the first time they bank with the school.

We will be holding School Banking Information and Sign-up Sessions at our school:

Date: 9
February,
Thursday

Date: 10
February,
Friday

Date: 13
February,
Monday

Time:
2:30pm

Time:
8:15am

Time:
2:30pm

Location:
Near Tuc
shop

Location:
Near Tuc
shop

Location:
Hall

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Community News

Stump up for the McGrath Foundation!
Saturday 18th February

PINK STUMPS DAY

<https://pinkstumpsday2017.gofundraise.com.au/page/parkridgecc>

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DONATE ONLINE
 Visit link above, join the Team and help us raise Funds.

So come along - bring the family and friends to Hubner Park, Park Ridge

FOR A FUN DAY OUT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION
Time: 10am-4pm

- U/10 & U/12 Junior Cricket Game from 8am
- Biggest Hitter Competition from 12pm
- U/14-15's T20 Big Bash Cricket Game from 1:30pm
- Ladies on the Lawn High Tea Tent (\$5 entry)
- Raffles
- McGrath Foundation Merchandise on sale
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Sausage sizzle, Food & Bar (NO BYO)
- **Dress Code for the Day: Wear Pink**

All proceeds on the day will help the McGrath Foundation raise money to place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia as well as increasing breast awareness in young women.

Another hot pink initiative from the McGrath Foundation

McGrath Foundation
 Together we can make a difference

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