A big welcome to Alex Dawson, our new year 4 teacher. Alex has joined us after teaching year one at Mt Garnet State School last year. Alex originates from the Sunshine Coast and has a passion for tennis, theatre and surfing! Glad we could put some perfect surf weather on for you this weekend Alex!

Alex looks forward to joining us next Monday 16th February.

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**Date Claimers**

- **Mon 16 Feb** — School Leaders badge presentation (parade begins at 8:45am)
- **Wed 18—Fri 20 Feb** — TEEC Leadership Camp (for elected leaders)
- **Fri 20 Feb** — Interschool Sports (Atherton Primary School)
- **Wed 25—Fri 27 Feb** — Year 5 Camp at Daradgee
- **Sat 28 Feb** — Market Day (Year 6 to help please)
- **Fri 20 Mar** — Fancy Dress
- **Fri 27 Mar** — School Photos

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**P&C Meeting**

Tuesday 10th March at 6:30pm
Venue: Library
Tea and Coffee available.
We welcome new members
AGM starts at 6:30 followed by General Meeting

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**Newsletter Changes**

There are a few changes happening with the school newsletter

1. Instead of the newsletter being issued each week, it will become a fortnightly newsletter. The next one will be emailed on Friday 27 February 2015.

2. Each newsletter will now be emailed. Any important notes will be sent home as needed. If you do not have email, a printed copy will be handed to the eldest child of your family on newsletter days. Printed copies will also be available from the office. If your email address has changed or you have not been receiving newsletters, please update your details at the office.

3. The email address has changed for entering items or adverts into the newsletter. These emails are now to be sent to Stephanie Withers (swith35@eq.edu.au) and to be received no later than 10:00am the Thursday prior to the newsletter being issued.
Principal’s Note

Thank you to the P&C for welcoming me to the school officially last Tuesday night. I had the opportunity to meet some more parents and find out more about school operations. The new meeting venue in the school library worked well.

Some of the main points from my principal’s report included:

- Strategic planning and budget considerations.
- Approval and DETE funding for a covered walkway with wheelchair access/ramps from front of school to the Junior Class area.
- Grant application for Senior Playground shade cover.
- The joint purchasing between school and P&C of a new sound system for the school hall.
- The upgrading of our school Bandwidth and Wireless and the purchasing of more laptops this year to get closer to a class set in the lab.
- Staffing and class changes. Alex Dawson (see front page) has been transferred here from Mount Garnet State School.
- The new Australian Teaching Standards and the work that teachers are undertaking around Developing Performance Planning in 2015.
- Term 1 events including camps and sporting activities (Please see date claimers)

Student Leaders

Our 2015 Student Leaders are being presented with their badges at Assembly on Monday by Richard Huelin our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Terry Cummings our P&C President and our Adopt-a-Cop Duanne Bakker. We look forward to seeing you there.

Take care this weekend with all the rain.

Regards

Brigitte

Parking

Just a reminder that parking on the left hand side of Ash Street is not permitted. This is a NO STANDING AREA and makes it very difficult at school drop off and pick up times.

Specialist Reports

If you have any specialist reports for our Student Support Team; can you please drop them off to the office and ask Rita or Vicki to pass them on to me.
Interschool Sports

Due to the wet weather today, Interschool sports had to be cancelled.

This day has been postponed until next Friday (20 February) at Atherton State Primary School.

Any bus fees that have already been paid will be carried forward to cover this date.

Invoices

Invoices for swimming, religion and Cars and Stars will be going home next week. Thanks to those who have already paid, please disregard the invoice.

Permission Notes

There are still outstanding Religion permission forms, could you please return as soon as possible as invoices cannot be issued until they are returned. Thank you.

@ The Art Garage

@ the art garage, Yungaburra, is offering after school art programs.
Wednesday & Thursday afternoons 3:30-5pm $15 per child.
This term we’ll be experimenting using basic shapes & repeated patterns to build up a picture. For more information or to register please contact
Katie Wilson 0448 929 933
@ the art garage shop 40953193
Or visit us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/AtTheArtGarage

Ask about our school holidays “Kids Art Workshops” for Easter
Hockey

HOCKEY SIGN ON

Saturday 14th February 10-2pm and 21st February 11-1pm.
Atherton Hockey Club House, Lodder Park, Atherton

HOCKEY COME and TRY DAY

Saturday 14th February 9-10 am
Sticks and Gear are provided for the day.

Thank you
Dorcas Heap

Welcome to the new parents and children to our school. It is wonderful to see so many children bringing their library bags on class borrowing day and returning books on time each week. (We have a rule, “No bag, no book”, as we encourage children to care for our library books.)

If books are not brought back on class borrowing day, we ask that they are returned to the grey Returns Trolley (in the library behind the front door) before school the next morning. Please feel free to visit the library anytime with or without your child/ren. (Children can return and borrow books before/after school, and during 2nd break if they’d like to borrow more than once a week.) The library is closed every morning tea.

Each Monday morning from 8.15am we have Read to Me (Library Lovers’ Readtime) sessions when parents and carers are invited to come to the library with their children to snuggle up and enjoy a story together.


Please see the last page of the newsletter for Jackie French’s Share a Story Calendar.

Thanks for reading,
Kim Kirkman (Teacher-Librarian, Monday, Tuesday, every 2nd Wednesday) & Jenny Derksen (Library Assistant Monday, Tuesday).

School Office: 40897333
Buses: Contact Trevor Wickham on 4091 1050 to find out if a house you are looking at is on the school’s bus route.
Hail and Ride Bus: Phone Kev Emerson on 0419434888, to book and the office to add your child to the roll.
School Dental Van: Please ring phone no. 0412059394 for appointments.
Yungaburra Markets: 4095 2111 for all market stall bookings or cancellations. Coordinator – Dianne Gates
School watch number: 137788
Newsletter advertisements or information can be emailed to: swith35@eq.edu.au by no later than 10:00am the Thursday prior to newsletter day. (every 2nd Friday)
Principal: Brigitte Mackenzie can be contacted at: bmack82@eq.edu.au
Bookclub: Cheques are always to be made out to Yungaburra State School, not Scholastic Bookclub.
School Banking: Is done each Wednesday and returned to children via their class teacher.

If you prefer to pay by EFT for school fees below are the bank details for the school.
School Bank Details: Commonwealth Bank Atherton, Account Number: 00090188, BSB: 064-800, ABN 39 153 621 344
Or purchasing of uniforms, below are the bank details for the P & C Association.
P & C Bank Details: Commonwealth Bank Atherton, Account Number: 00900478 BSB: 064-800
Ref: Please use Family Name and Uniform info. Please bring in printout of transaction to verify.
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A different theme for every month to inspire your story adventures!
Share a Story ideas on the Australian Children’s Laureate website!

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