



## Newsletter

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### Important dates

4<sup>th</sup> April – Gymnastics Program

4<sup>th</sup> April - End of Term 1

5<sup>th</sup> April – School holidays commence

18<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday

21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Term 2 commences

25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day

9<sup>th</sup> May – District Cross Country

### Absent Letters and phone calls

If your child or children are absent from School, for any reason, could you please make sure you notify us as to the absence (either before or after) by making a phone call, sending a note with the reason or emailing

[the.principal@halifaxss.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@halifaxss.eq.edu.au).

Messages about absences due to illness, personal reasons, etc from School are important, as we need to ensure that our records are up to date.



### From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

Recently we had our AGM and first P and C meeting for 2014. I welcome Geri Stanford as the new P and C President – I look forward to working closely with Geri to improve our school over the year. I would also like to congratulate Jasmine Pearce as the Vice President, Deb Marsden as the Treasurer and Raylene Eveleigh as the Secretary. During this meeting a new 2014 constitution was ratified. If you wish to look at the new 2014 constitution, a copy is available in the office and will be placed on our school web page.

#### *Discipline help*

Parents can use positive discipline principles to reduce conflicts, improve communication, and gain cooperation from a defiant child.

Many parents find discipline strategies backfire when they forget that even the smallest child is more responsive to respect. Holding regular family meetings, involving your children in setting rules and solving problems, and always remembering to combine kindness and firmness will go a long way to reducing power struggles.

When you and your child have agreed on a rule or chore and the expectation has not been met, just respectfully restate the expectation reminding them of their earlier agreement, follow through on any consequence that was previously determined, and do not respond to attempts to drag you into a new debate. Above all don't nag, lecture, or belittle. Just respectfully act. When new problems arise, be sure to listen to your children, validate their feelings, solicit their solutions, and remain respectful even when you override their positions.

#### Ipads

Please make sure ipads come to school fully charged - students cannot work on flat ipads! Please make sure ipads are kept safe over the holidays.

On Friday we will have our Rewards Day as a part of our RBPS. We are asking that students bring a plate of food to share. We will be watching a movie that keys into our recent learning and being rewarded for a positive attitude toward school work. Students will be involved in an egg hunt later in the day.

I wish everybody a safe and happy holiday and will see students back at school on Tuesday 22 April.

**Donald Pritchard**

## What are we up to

### P to 2

P-2s have been busily completing assessments as well as doing our usual program. Comprehension is a vital part of each day and we can already see the improvement in the students' reading.



## What are we up to

### 3 to 7

What we are doing in English from the National Curriculum

- Understand how noun groups/phrases and adjective groups/phrases can be expanded in a variety of ways to provide a fuller description of the person, place, thing or idea (ACELA1508)
- Understand how to use banks of known words, as well as word origins, prefixes and suffixes, to learn and spell new words (ACELA1513)
- Understand the difference between main and subordinate clauses and that a complex sentence involves at least one subordinate clause (ACELA1507)

Language for interaction

- Understand how to move beyond making bare assertions and take account of differing perspectives and points of view (ACELA1502)
- Text structure and organization
- Understand that the starting point of a sentence gives prominence to the message in the text and allows for prediction of how the text will unfold (ACELA1505)



## Recent events

### Smart Moves

Each morning our Student Leaders and Senior Students are organising physical activities for the students to do before class time. This involves organising equipment from the sports room and setting up games or activities where all students can participate and get some physical exercise. This not only ensures they are exercising every day but leaves them awake and refreshed for a morning session of school work.



### Halifax State School Students in the Community

The students of Halifax State School are participating in the 'Parent and community Engagement Framework'. This school project will enable the students to have some input and help improve and maintain stronger community relations. Students participated in an afternoon tea at the Lower Herbert Halifax Lions Senior Citizens Village for the residents on Friday afternoon (21/03/14). The students shared the afternoon learning about Halifax and the surrounding Lower Herbert Region. They learnt about the history and events in the area and also from the residents of Lower Herbert Lions Senior Citizens themselves.



Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Firstly I would like to accept the position of President for the Halifax State School P&C! I feel very honoured to be in this position and part of the school community. My experience in this role is very limited but with the help of our Principal and newly appointed committee members - Jasmine Pearce (Vice President), Deb Marsden (Treasurer) & Raylene Eveleigh (Secretary) as well as members of the Halifax State School P&C I'm sure I will find it rewarding. With a great team, it'll be a team effort to help the Halifax State School & Community to have a great year ahead.

As the incoming President, I'd like to wish Angela Wigg (previous President) all the best in her endeavours and thank her for a job well done and hope that I can fulfil her boots just as well. Also, to Mrs Jan Marinoni. Jan stepped down after so many years of volunteering as our Tuckshop Convenor. She will be sadly missed by all, so a big thankyou to both ladies from the students, staff, members of the P&C and Halifax Community.

On behalf of the P & C, I would also like to congratulate the new leaders of Halifax State School, Oliver Putzka (School Captain), Trenyce Pearce (House Captain) Erin Begg (House Captain) who were inducted on the 25/02/14. Parents & members of the community were invited to the school to introduce our 2014 school leaders and open our new playground. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to make this all happen.

Kicking off the Community Spirit for 2014, the student's enjoyed an afternoon tea with the Lower Herbert Halifax Lions and Senior Citizens on Friday the 21/03/14. The 'Parent and Community Engagement Framework' is a part of our school's ongoing initiative to assist in maintaining a positive influence with the students and surrounding community. So a big thank you goes out to Denise Stanfield & Jasmine Pearce for providing the afternoon tea for the event. The scones were amazing ☺ !!

As a new member myself, I encourage and welcome parents and community members to become involved, without you, our school and students cannot thrive. If you need transport please contact myself on 0497365878.

If we all get together, we can be certain that Halifax State School can be the best possible school it can be, we can achieve positive results for your student and Halifax community. **But we need you, so please come along to our next meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014, the meeting will be held in the Play Group building next to the school at 3.30pm.**

### **Small School! Big Heart!**

Look forward to a positive and prosperous year ahead!

Geri Stanfield

President

Halifax State School P&C Association

**Raffles** – Raffles are on every Saturday at the Commercial from 12md to 1pm. All are welcome.

**Tuckshop** – There is **no Tuckshop in Week 1 of the next Term**. This allows new forms to be distributed and a new roster made.

**New Tuckshop Convenor** - A big thankyou to Cindy Parmenter (Michael and Kurtis' Mum) for taking over the role of Tuckshop Convenor. While only new to the school, Cindy has generously taken on the role and is asking for any parents who are not already assisting but who can offer time to work on the tuckshop or spare a short time to bake to contact the school.



