



Newsletter

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Important dates

7th October – First Day Term 4

15th October – School Swimming

20th October – Student Free Day

21st-24th October – School Camp (3-7)

29th October – School Swimming

5th November – School Swimming

10th November – Country Swimming Carnival

Our School Rules

- Courtesy
- Cooperation
- Commitment
- Consideration

THIS WEEKS FOCUS

YCDI – Ready Set You Can Do It

SCHOOL RULE: Commitment

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. 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.

Attendance

Attendance target 98% Currently sitting at 97 %



From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

Mr Damien Spencer has relinquished his principalship of Halifax State School for 2015. It has been a great honour to work for and represent Mr Spencer and I wish him and his family all the best in their new endeavours.

Student resources

Please make sure your child has all the resources they need to be successful at school. Many students need new books, rulers, pencils and erasers.

Swimming

Reminder that swimming starts tomorrow, please make sure all clothing is marked clearly, permission notes and fees have been paid.

Photos

We have photos of students participating at events, which we publish. Parents are able to get the raw photos from us at anytime. If you wish to get a copy please make an appointment to with Miss Spina. You will need a USB.

Please consider registering as soon as possible for Qparents

The Information and Technologies Branch of the Department of Education, Training and Employment is delivering a one-day workshop in Townsville for parents in the North Queensland region.

As part this roadshow, we would like to engage with the school community by providing an update on key information technology initiatives and being available to answer your questions.

Community sessions aimed at parents and school communities are being held **11am–3pm on Tuesday 21 October** at the Rydges Southbank Townsville.

- Discover how QParents can give you the latest information and data at the touch of a button.
- Learn from cybersafety experts what you can do to make sure your child is safe online, both at home and on mobile devices.
- For parents of distance education students, there is an opportunity to have your computers inspected to ensure maximum performance and learn tips for online learning.

Entry to the community sessions is free. For further information -

<http://wired.ivvy.com/event/ITBNQ4>

Donald Pritchard

What are we up to

P – 2

We had a busy day on Monday with 5 Pre-Preps joining us. With big smiles on their faces the students worked with future class mates learning about the letter J, making a collage with jelly crystals, reading Jack and the Beanstalk, making a jellyfish mobile and completing an outdoor obstacle course.



What are we up to

3 – 7

After a rewards day for a great finish to Term 3, all students are now ready to work hard for the final term. We are focusing on the following -

Science: Energy and forces

Maths: Probability

English: Persuasive Speeches



READING

Be patient

When your child is trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give him or her time to do so. Remind to child to look closely at the first letter or letters of the word.

Pick books that are at the right level

Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.

Play word games

Have your child sound out the word as you change it from mat to fat to sat; from sat to sag to sap; and from sap to sip.

I read to you, you read to me

Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.

Gently correct your young reader

When your child makes a mistake, gently point out the letters he or she overlooked or read incorrectly. Many beginning readers will guess wildly at a word based on its first letter.

This week's Behavioural Article

Become a Peaceful Parent

Becoming a peaceful parent is perhaps one of the hardest tasks a parent can undertake. The first step is to vow to create harmony in your home.

Create Harmony in the Home Environment

Creating a peaceful home environment encourages everyone who lives in that home to be more relaxed. When we are relaxed, we feel calmer and are more likely to interact with others in a gentle way.

- A harmonious home is orderly. It is hard to feel peaceful when the house is dirty and filled with clutter. Unfortunately, clutter tends to build up quickly in a house with children. Toys seem to overtake bedrooms and living rooms. Teach children how to [organize their toys](#). Likewise, model good organizing and cleaning habits in the rest of the house and enlist your children's help.
- A peaceful home has a predictable routine. Most children do best when there is a reliable flow to their day. Meals, naptimes, outings and bedtime should fall roughly at the same time each day.
- Set a calm mood in the house. [Turn the television off](#) for extended periods of time. The loud, fast pace of many television programs interferes with a peaceful environment. Instead, play relaxing music or simply enjoy the silence.

Recent events

All Schools Touch Carnival

Halifax students recently competed in the Macknade All Schools Touch Carnival. Seniors formed part of a Combined team which made the B Grade finally narrowly losing while the Juniors competed as Halifax and were successful in winning the B Grade final. Overall a great team effort. A big thankyou to Mr Pritchard and Mrs Currington for coaching the teams for the day.



Pre-Prep Days

On Monday we had our first Pre-Prep day. All 5 students were active participants for the day and left with big smiles on their faces.



P&C News

P & C Meeting—The P & C General Meeting is on Tuesday, 21st October 2014 at 3.30pm at Halifax Community Centre. All are welcome.

Tuckshop Roster— Tuckshop roster for Term 4 is below. Note this Monday coming is a Student Free Day.

Date	Workers	Baker
27 th October	Louise Jones Raylene Eveleigh	Angela Wigg
3 rd November	Louise Jones Jan Marinoni	Prachern Morley
10 th November	Louise Jones Michelle Thompson	Davina Hamper
17 th November	Louise Jones Raylene Eveleigh	Prachern Morely
24 th November	Josie Barrett Michelle Thompson	Kim Lake
1 st December	Louise Jones Josie Barrett	Raylene Eveleigh
8 th December	Josie Barrett Jan Marinoni	Angela Wigg

Help us celebrate

Bambaroo State School's 90th Birthday!

Come and enjoy an afternoon of live music, entertainment, prizes, trivia and an array of delicious finger foods.

When: Sunday 2nd November 2014, 4pm-7pm

Where: Bambaroo State School, 10 Bambaroo School Road Bambaroo.

Cost: Tickets \$5 each for 12 years and above.

What to bring: BYO drinks

Bookings are Essential!!

Tickets must be purchased at the school office by Friday 24th October 2014

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