



Newsletter

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Important dates

16th May – 3-7 Sports at Macknade SS

18th May – Romanello Shield

27th May – P & C Meeting

9th June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday

21st June – Halifax School Markets

27th June – Last day Term 2

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.



From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

ARD VISIT

Recently we had a visit from the Assistant Regional Director of Schools (ARD). The ARD's come to inspect schools and to see how well the school is travelling along the journey of education. Our ARD was very impressed with how well the school is travelling. He spoke to the students telling them how impressed he was that they knew the schools code of conduct, priority improvement areas and the explicit teaching elements. His words "this school is an outstanding school". This shows the schools staff commitment to providing the best education for our children. Our staff go above and beyond in their commitment to education, this school, its students and the local community. Well done! I was equally impressed with our school captains whom have had such a positive commitment to our school community, they too go beyond their duties to make our school "one of the best".

Parenting tips:

Listening Skills are Important

Effective communication, including that between a parent and a child, requires listening skills. Learn about the importance of listening to your children

Listening skills are often overlooked in discussions about effective communication. Parents can struggle to get their point across to the child and worry that the child is not a good listener. It is common for there to be a lack of understanding that listening skills are equally important for parents as well as children.

It is easy for a child to feel like he is not heard. At the most basic level, all children communicate with their parents to have their needs met, a child's need will escalate to pain if the parent is not responding to the communication. Usually when a parent is not responding, it is because she is not listening.

Improve Listening Skills

A parent can develop habits that lead to better listening skills.

- Make eye contact with the child when he is speaking.
- Touch his arm or hold his hand to show that he has your full attention.
- Repeat back all or some of what he said for clarification.
- Respond to non-verbal cues before the child's need escalates to prevent tantrums

Donald Pritchard

What are we up to

P to 2

The P-2 Students have been very busy in the classroom. We have been working on becoming fluent readers. Fluency is defined as the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to *read fluently* whether they are reading aloud or silently. In Maths students have been looking at the properties of solid shapes.



Ingham Arts Festival

The Ingham Arts Festival is approaching once again. Due to teachers' high work demands the students will only be participating in the Primary Verse Speaking Choir at a school level. However, parents are welcome to enter their children in any other event they choose. All work for other events must be completed at home.

Booklets with all the information required including closing dates are on sale at Piottos.

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This week students are learning:

English

Preparing, planning and drafting a literary recount.

Analysing texts

Science

Changing states of matter

Separating

Maths

Location and transformation (3, 4)

Geometric reasoning (5/6/7)

ROMANELLO SHIELD

All students participating in the Romanello Shield this Sunday at the Fairford Road Soccer fields will have a Draw sent home today. **The Juniors will need to be at the fields by 8am sharp to get their uniform and the Seniors will need to be there by 8.30am.** Students need to wear black shorts and their normal school shirt and bring along shoes or boots, shin pads, a hat, waterbottle and sunscreen.

Recent events

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the children who competed in the District Cross Country last Friday. You represented the school proudly by doing your very best. Special congratulations to our place getters – Ella Garrigon 1st 6yo girls, Janae Pearce 3rd 8yo girls. Go girls!



Herbert River U12 Representatives

Last week students trialled and gained spots in HR U12 Representative teams for Touch and Soccer. Trenyce Pearce made both the Touch and Soccer teams and Erin Begg made the Soccer team. This is a great achievement as they both still have next year to do this again. They are now training hard to play against the best in North Queensland. Oliver Putzka and Elijah Grasnick also trialled for Soccer and were unlucky not to be chosen.



P & C Meeting—The **P & C General Meeting** is on **Tuesday, 27th May 2014 at 3.30pm at Halifax Community Centre**. All are welcome.

Presidents Word -

Welcome back!

Well what a great Easter break it was, with a cyclone and flood that caused absolute devastation to some, it also bought a community together again. I noticed kids from all over came out to play and interact happily together, with no computer technology and no bullying, just good old fashioned fun! Families and businesses in the area also pitched together to help and supported each other through the days that followed the cyclone and flooding. And that’s what makes this community a great place to be a part of!

If you are in need of some assistance, contact the school so the Positive School & Community Project can offer support.

A BIG THANKS goes out to our wonderful school officer Louise Jones, our school copped an absolute drenching with flooding throughout the school yard, gardens, pathway’s, undercover area and courts leaving debris and mud residue everywhere. Lou worked tirelessly over the holidays to get these areas back to the pristine state in time for the return of the students and staff.

Over the Easter break, the Raffles continued and have been a great success! It’s really nice to see so many visitors to the region as well as the generous local community members who buy a ticket every Saturday without fail to support Halifax SS. Raffles have been run every Saturday at the Commercial Hotel by parents who have volunteered their time to help raise monies for the school. So thank you again and a special mention to Erin Begg for also donating her time to help with raffles.

Anzac Day last week was very emotional and honourable and it was obvious the Halifax community was very proud of our students and staff that marched and attended the ceremony. To see the community come together from all districts to remember the fallen diggers, the men and the women that fought and are still fighting to keep Australia safe. Makes you proud to be an Australian and live in Halifax!!!

Don’t forget that the Halifax Markets will be on the 21st of June, so start getting your stall together or register you interest in helping at the school or joining the P&C by contacting myself on the number below or the school. The more the merrier as they say ☺.

With our new tuckshop conveynor Cindy opens the tuckshop this week, we would love for you to welcome her by helping either in the tuckshop or volunteering your MKR skills and making something fabulous or simple for around 30 servings. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Hope you have a great week, good luck to the students trying out for sports and next P&C meeting is this Tuesday, 27th May at 3.30pm.

Geri Stanfield
President
Halifax P&C Association
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Tuckshop Roster— Tuckshop roster for Term 2 is below

Date	Workers	Baker
20 th May	Jasmine Pearce Deb Marsden	Dallas Mallett
27 th May	Josie Barrett Jan Marinoni	Raylene Eveleigh
3 rd June	Cindy Pamerter Deb Marsden	Angela Wigg

