



Newsletter

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Important dates

19th November – School Swimming

24th November – City/Country Swimming Carnival

24th November – Yr6/7 High School Experience Day

24th November – Yr6/7 High School Parent information Evening

2nd December – P&C Meeting

9 Dec ember– EOY Celebration

12 December – Final Day School

Our School Rules

- **Courtesy**
- **Cooperation**
- **Commitment**
- **Consideration**

THIS WEEKS FOCUS

YCDI – Resilience

SCHOOL RULE: Cooperation

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

We have undergone a change to our student leaders to fall inline with best practice. All students in year 5 and 6 will participate in the student representative council (SRC). Our new leaders will receive their badges at the end of year celebrations.

Recently we celebrated Remembrance Day and I was honoured to give the speech. Our students participated and made the community proud with their understanding of just how important this day is, their behaviour and conduct was excellent.

The sun was shining on us during the annual swimming carnival. I would like to thank;

Louise Currington for organising the event

Glen Dinsdale and Jim Thompson for time keeping –they did an outstanding job

The parent supporters that wooed on the students

I am very proud of the students that did backstroke because I only wish I could! Well done to Erin for making the “Country team”

End of year celebrations will take place in the Halifax Community Centre, for more information please read the P & C Presidents section. Our school community centre is available to all members of the community to hold community events, if you are interested in running activities please enquire at the school or contact the Halifax police station.

Donald Pritchard

What are we up to

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Monday was the final day for the Pre-Preps. We learnt about the letter M, and did Miss Muffett activities including finger puppets. Then the Preps and Pre-Preps had lots of fun making and baking muffins. The best bit was



getting to eat what they



had made. We look forward to seeing the Pre-Preps next year.

On Wednesdays all students go swimming. It has been great to see the students improve under the guidance of swimming coaches kindly funded by the P&C. Thankyou.

What are we up to

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We are focusing on the following

Science: Energy and forces

Maths: Probability

English: Persuasive Speeches

Any children who may have borrowed school uniforms from the school can you please return them as our stocks are running low.

Students also gave Student Leader Speeches for positions for 2015 and represented the school at the Halifax Remembrance Day Ceremony.



READING

Pause, Prompt, Praise

At a glance

You may have already heard of *Pause, Prompt Praise* or the 3Ps as it is sometimes called.

These three catchy words, *Pause, Prompt Praise* describe a simple technique that, used well, will support your child to practise his/her reading and to develop more reading confidence.

The principle of *Pausing* – then *Prompting* – and then *Praising* is very useful to remember and apply anytime your child is reading aloud to you.

Teachers and trained tutors often use a more structured version of this principle but the following tips can help you to try out it when reading with your child at home.

The 3Ps technique is best used when your child is reading and ‘gets stuck’ on words that they can’t read or are new to them.

When your child encounters words that are difficult for them to read, the 3Ps technique will allow him/her the opportunity to have another go, self-correct, or if needed, find out (be told) what the problem word is.

This week’s Behavioural Article

Discipline for different ages

Discipline is about teaching and learning, so think about ‘what is the best way to achieve this given your child’s age, understanding, and needs’.

Children of primary school age (5-12 years)

Children need parents to explain to them about adult behaviours and feelings, and why you react as you do. They understand much more about themselves but are still trying to sort out the good bits from the bad bits. They can often go through periods when they are very quiet and good or very restless. They learn about keeping to rules and not cheating. They learn to see things from another’s point of view.

Always remember to teach what you want your children to do and give choices.

Talk with your child about a wide range of topics. Listen to his views and be willing to discuss differences of opinion rather than forcing your ideas on him.

Children at this age can understand and accept consequences. If your child shares in making some of the rules and the consequences for when they are broken, they will begin learning what self-discipline is all about.

If a rule is broken, the consequence should follow.

Try to be in step with other parents who have children the same age. If you are too far away from what most parents do, you will have difficulty getting your child to cooperate.

Give privileges for good behaviour – children love being given a bonus, e.g. “*You’ve tried hard this week to keep your room tidy – what about staying up an extra hour on Friday night?*”

Teach your child how to work out ways to solve problems. This is a useful skill at this age and an important step towards learning self discipline.

Recent events

Country Schools Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Erin Begg, Trenyce Pearce, Olivia Mallett, Tess Hinschen, Callum Thompson and Connor Thompson for participating in the Country Schools Swimming Carnival. All students swam their very best with some gaining places in their races. Erin will now go on and represent Country against Ingham State and Lourdes in Freestyle races and relays.



Green Day

As a result of an excellent performance in the Premier Reading Competition, students were invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character. Coinciding with this was a 'Green Day' where students were whipped up some healthy eating options by Tuckshop convenor Lou to eat for lunch free of charge.



P & C Meeting—The **P & C General Meeting is on Tuesday, 2nd December 2014 at 3.30pm, 2.30pm for a Sub-Committee meeting to organise and discuss End of Year Celebrations preparations.** All are welcome.

Presidents Word -

Hi all

Well we are nearly at the end of the year and what a year it has been, I know I have fully enjoyed volunteering and being part of an awesome team.

The parents, staff, students & community members who contribute their valuable time to volunteer we thank you. Your assistance in helping the school community in areas such as, fundraising, marketing the school, gardening, markets, tuckshop, classrooms, committee duties, caring for a kids, and simply, just having a positive outlook – every one of you are greatly appreciated.

And in saying that, I would like to congratulate John Bolt who has been volunteering his time to help beautify the school grounds, on his newly appointed position of Gardener at Ingham Garden Centre. Best wishes John from everyone and you're always welcome at the school. Just don't forget to sign in ☺

Another special triumph goes to Erin Begg for her outstanding swim in the 50m Freestyle event at the Country Swimming Carnival held last week. Erin was the only student to make the City v Country Swimming Carnival from Halifax SS. So big surprises come in little packages, well done Erin. City v Country Swimming Carnival is being held next Monday 24th November at Hinchinbrook Aquatic Centre.

Year 6 students have their last High School Experience day also on the 24th November at Ingham State High School.

End of Year Celebrations will be held at the Halifax Community Centre on the afternoon of the 9th December at 5.30pm. This event will include the Introduction to the 2015 Prep students, Presentation of Student Awards, 2015 School Leaders – presentation of badges, Staff Awards and a BBQ.

For a P&C Association to operate effectively we need to hear from parents in our school community. It's OK if you can't make it to our monthly meeting - we can raise issues, ideas and suggestions for improvements on your behalf. It is important for the P&C to be able to represent the views of the parents in the school community and add value to our children's experiences at Halifax State School.

Our last P&C meeting we will discuss important events, dates, budget, fundraising, etc for 2015, as well as End of School Year Celebration preparations. Every parent is welcome to attend or volunteer. If you can't make the meetings, then please email or phone on the details below.

Next meeting is on the 2nd December 2014, Halifax Community Centre at 3.30pm or 2.30pm for a Sub-Committee meeting to organise and discuss End of Year Celebrations preparations.

All feedback is welcomed and contact details are:

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Geri Stanfield

President of Halifax SS P&C



Tuckshop Roster— **Tuckshop roster for Term 4 is below.**

Date	Workers	Baker
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