From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

Wow what a fortnight, well done to Lower Herbert for taking out the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. It was great to see our students participating and having fun. As a result of that carnival, 7 students were selected to attend the Barnes Cup. Trenyce, Jacob, Olivia, Michael, Janae, Ella and Kurtis all performed splendidly to gain Halifax State School 2nd place (runners up) in the Barnes Cup. This was a fantastic effort.

We now have a new school captain, congratulations to Elijah. Congratulations to Jacob too for taking on the role as Vice Captain.

The students performed admirably to come second in the Ingham Arts Festival in Verse Speaking Choirs. A big thankyou to Mrs Rowe, Ms Spina and Mrs Patane for preparing the students for this. Excellent work by Janae for a first in her solo Poetry Recitation division and great work by Erin for fifth place also in solo Poetry Recitation.

Assistant Regional Directors Visit

Our new assistant regional director (ARD) came for a visit on Tuesday and was very impressed by the achievements of our students. Great explicit teaching has resulted in great results. I too am proud of the hard work our staff does to maintain very high standards.

NAPLAN results were discussed during the ARDs visit. Students that participated were at or above the National Minimum Standard (NMS). This is a fantastic outcome for our students and the school as a whole.

Great Results Guarantee

We have had some great improvements in student outcomes and will continue with our reading program in its current form until we review the program for 2015.

Donald Pritchard
Congratulations to Janae Pearce for being awarded first prize and to Erin Begg for being awarded Highly Commended in the solo poetry recitation at the Ingham Arts Festival.

This week students are learning:

**English**
Students are learning about poetic devices and analysing 3 poems.

**Science**
Students are learning about the planets and the solar system.

**Maths**
Students are learning about multiplication and division, money and integers
Vocabulary Knowledge is...

Learning, as a language based activity, is fundamentally and profoundly dependent on vocabulary knowledge. Learners must have access to the meanings of words that teachers, or their surrogates (e.g., other adults, books, films, etc.), use to guide them into contemplating known concepts in novel ways (i.e. to learn something new).

(Baker, Simmons, & Kame'enui, 1998) See References.

Definitions of key Vocabulary terminology:

**Contextual Analysis:** A strategy readers use to infer or predict a word from the context in which it appears.

**Expressive Vocabulary:** Requires a speaker or writer to produce a specific label for a particular meaning.

**Morphemic Analysis:** A strategy in which the meanings of words can be determined or inferred by examining their meaningful parts (e.g., prefixes, suffixes, roots, etc.)

**Receptive Vocabulary:** Requires a reader to associate a specific meaning with a given label as in reading or listening.

This week’s Behavioural Article

If you are reasonable in what you expect of your children and teach them clearly and kindly what you want, they are more likely to be cooperative. If you try to work out the feeling beneath your children’s behaviour you are more likely to find out why they misbehave. The way you talk to your child can make a difference as to whether or not he will do as he is told. Children will learn more by what they see you doing and how you live your life rather than by what you tell them.

Why is my child behaving this way?

Think about what is happening in your child’s world and try to deal with the cause. It may be that:

- Parent lives are so busy that he feels left out. He misbehaves to get your attention because angry attention is better than no attention.
- Something is going very wrong for your child, e.g. new baby, problems at school, difficulty in making friends in a new area, scared by parents’ arguments, family break up
- He is trying to cope with changes and feels overwhelmed
- He is angry and frustrated by something you’ve done
- He feels unfairly treated by you and wants to get back at you
- Your parenting style is too strict or very lax
- Your child may be needing more independence than you have allowed.
Recent events

**Small Schools Athletics - Winners / Barnes Cup 2nd Place (Runners Up)**

A whirlwind 2 weeks has seen children from Halifax form part of the winning Lower Herbert Athletics team for Small Schools Athletics Carnival and as Halifax Athletics team come 2nd place in the Barnes Cup. Toobanna won it and Forrest Beach was 3rd. Placings for students in the Barnes Cup were – Ella Garrigon 2nd 60m, Janae Pearce 2nd 60m, Michael Cassady – 1st 100m, Trenyce Pearce – 1st Long Jump, 3rd 100m, 200m 800m. These great performances have seen Trenyce Pearce and Michael Cassady selected in the Herbert River Athletics team to run on the red track in Townsville next week. Congratulations!
Arts Festival

Congratulations to all students for their **second** placing in the Primary Verse Speaking Choirs for Small Schools. They put on a great performance to just miss first place by half a point. Great job to Janae – 1st Poetry Recitation and Erin – 5th Poetry Recitation in their individual sections.
P & C Meeting — The P & C General Meeting is on Tuesday, 16th September 2014 at 3.30pm at Halifax Community Centre. All are welcome.

Presidents Word –
Hello everyone,

Just wanted to say thank you to all the parents who volunteered at our last markets, although it was a small turn out due to the expected weather forecast but the stallholders that came made a better than expected profit. So huge effort on everyone’s behalf and it was great fun to work alongside a bunch of good friends and parents that care. Raffles are making great progress at the Commercial on the Saturdays 12-2, big thanks to the Manager Narelle, she will be donating a $50.00 meat tray each week, and big thanks also Michelle & Jimmy at the Halifax Hotel for holding raffles on the Sunday session 11-1pm they have included a bonus Spin the Wheel raffle each Sunday too. So lots of community support which is what it’s all about to give back to the school and help our kids prosper, whether be in education, sporting events or extra curriculum activities ie: camps.

Have to mention all the little champions of the school, and I can’t really name one child individually as they are all champions in their own right, whether it be in sporting events, arts, poetry recitals, academically or just in the beautiful manners these students display. So congratulations to all the Halifax State School students for participating or supporting your friends this year in events, such as Barnes Cup, Arts Festival, Dancing, Interschool Sports, Volunteering at Markets, School sports and education awards. Well Done! Congratulations also to Elijah Grasnick and Jacob Lewis on their new roles of School Captain and School Vice Captain respectively.

The school will be holding a casual morning tea at the Halifax Hotel this Sunday from 10am for anyone wanting to offer ideas on Tuckshop menus and new purchases for the Smart Choices Grant and sporting ideas for the Grant for Grassroots also - all welcome.

Next meeting will be the Tuesday 16th September 2014 at the community centre, if you’d like to put something on the Agenda to be discussed please contact myself on 0497653878.

Regards
Geri Stanfield
President
Halifax P&C Association
Ph: 0497 653 878

Tuckshop Roster — Tuckshop roster for Term 3 is below

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Where You Can Play Touch

Herbert River Touch Association
Touch Football Junior Competition
Saturday Afternoon from 3pm @ Gilroy Sports Oval

Ages 9 – 15 years Boys and Girls
Mixed Competition U10, U12, U15

Players will be placed into teams and allocated a shirt colour

Sign On – **Wednesday, 27th August, 3.30pm – 5pm at Gilroy**

Drills and Skills session, Practice Games, and 2nd Sign on – 6th September

**Competition Games – September to Late November**

Finals and Presentations – 29th November

$30 per player
$2 fee per player per game
Representative Team opportunities available

Any queries Ph 0458603478 – Trisha

Are you interested in playing Club Representative Touch Football?

Every year the North Queensland Touch Association conducts an **NQ Junior Touch Championship** in Townsville for rep teams from Sarina to Cairns and club based Townsville teams to participate in. Over one hundred teams participate in this.

This year it is on **Saturday 4th October, Sunday 5th October and Monday 6th October** (new Labour Day holiday). This is the last weekend of the school holidays.

**Herbert River Touch Association** would like to send 6 teams to this – **Boys 10, 12, 14 and Girls 10, 12, 14**.

**Trials commence Wednesday, 20th August at Gilroy at 5pm.** The cost will be approximately $20 per player plus your own travel and/or accommodation.

**Also available 1 day School competition (similar to Romanello Shield but held on school day)**

**Macknade State School All Schools Touch Competition**

**Date – Thursday, 18th September**

**Mixed Competition – Junior Division (8-10yo), Senior Division (11-13yo)**

Great way to learn and experience the game of Touch – See your school
Would you like to be the next Maraka Princess?

Maraka is on its way and we are looking for the 2014 Maraka Princess.

If you are aged 10 to 12 and want to join the fun, just pick up an entry form from Ingham Underagers or Risk-ay. For any further information please phone Paula on 0427 635 022.