Dear Parents

We have received our interim discipline audit report. As a community, and school we have acquired all “A’s across each of the five domains. This is because we have a dedicated staff, driven community and committed students that strive to make this school the best!

This Friday is our Kangaroo v Emu sports day. We will start the day at 9 and finish just before 3pm. I would like to invite any interested people in helping out during the day. Mrs Currington has worked very hard to plan this successful event. A special thank you goes out to you! The tuckshop will be selling sausages for lunch on the day.

Last Friday our students performed admirably against St Peters students to pick final placings for our Lower Herbert Sports Team to compete at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 7th August. All students

Well done to our P and C President who has managed to gain two grants to improve our school. More details are available in the P and C presidents report.

We welcome our preservice teacher Laura Hewitt who will be with us this week in the classrooms. I know you will enjoy your experience here.

Yesterday School Opinion Surveys were sent home. Please ask your child if they did not receive one as yet. These give you the opportunity to have your say about what the school does well and how it can improve. Participation is anonymous and all information is treated confidentially. The survey is to be completed on line using the 2 access codes. If you do not have access to a computer please feel free to come and complete the survey on a computer at school.

Donald Pritchard
What are we up to

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A very big welcome this week to Morgan and Trinity Girone who have joined our school. Morgan was here briefly during Prep and it is great to have Morgan back as well as her little sister Trinity who began Prep this year.

We have been looking at Poetry in English. The students have been reciting poems and looking at poetry devices such as rhyme and alliteration. We have also been rehearsing for the Ingham Arts Festival where all the students will be reciting a poem. This event will be held in August but no dates have come through yet.

Regarding Kangaroos and Emus Day, if any parents are taking photos, can you please email the school any photos that you feel would be suitable for our School Facebook Page? I will be busy on that day and may not have time to take too many photos. You can send the photos to admin@halifaxss.eq.edu.au.

Thanks.

What are we up to

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This week students are learning:

English
Poetry
Maths
Money and Mapping
Science
Weather, Solar System and Erosion
Phonemic Awareness (PA) is:

the ability to hear and manipulate the sounds in spoken words and the understanding that spoken words and syllables are made up of sequences of speech sounds (Yopp, 1992; see References).

essential to learning to read in an alphabetic writing system, because letters represent sounds or phonemes. Without phonemic awareness, phonics makes little sense.

fundamental to mapping speech to print. If a child cannot hear that "man" and "moon" begin with the same sound or cannot blend the sounds /rrrrruuuuuunnnnn/ into the word "run", he or she may have great difficulty connecting sounds with their written symbols or blending sounds to make a word.

essential to learning to read in an alphabetic writing system.

a strong predictor of children who experience early reading success.

An important distinction:

Phonemic awareness is NOT phonics.

Phonemic awareness is AUDITORY and does not involve words in print.

Phonemic Awareness is important ...

It requires readers to notice how letters represent sounds. It primes readers for print.

It gives readers a way to approach sounding out and reading new words.

It helps readers understand the alphabetic principle (that the letters in words are systematically represented by sounds).

This week’s Behavioural Article

Be an Active Parent in Social Situations to Prevent Tattling

When young children are playing together, it is not helpful to leave them to their own devices with the instructions to come get a parent if there is a problem. This teaches the child to look to the parent to solve problems and can be the root of many tattling problems. Stay nearby young children and be actively involved in parenting when they are with their peers to prevent a tattling issue from arising.
Recent events

NAIDOC Activities
During the last week of school students enjoyed NAIDOC Activities. They had special guests talk to them, played traditional games and completed some traditional art.

Rewards Day
For displaying good behaviour and working well students were rewarded with a Rewards Day on the final day of Term. Students had a great time combining some fun indoor activities with outdoor games.
Show Display

A big thankyou to staff, parents and students for their input to the Show display. It was great to see our students work on display for all to see.

Halifax / St Peters Sports Day

To assist in picking our teams for the Small Schools Athletics Carnival, Halifax ran off in some races and ball games against St Peters. The 2 schools are combining to form Lower Herbert at the Small Schools Carnival in a couple of weeks time.
P & C Meeting—The P & C General Meeting is on Tuesday, 12th August 2014 at 3.30pm at Halifax Community Centre. All are welcome.

Presidents Word –
Hello everyone,

Welcome back to everyone, the school community is certainly thriving, we have had good news in all areas and it just keeps getting better. Halifax did well in the interschool sports day last Friday with some wins and losses but the winners are the kids who deserve a pat on the back for attending and as much as Halifax only has a small number of students they made it count and teamed up to make it a fun day.

Our school markets was a hit with the locals and visitors with new stalls and attractions, special thanks to the Lucinda Coast Guard and Sergeant Gio Tantalo for escorting the massive 30 ft rescue vessel to the school for everyone to have a look. The school welcomed everyone - young and old, Breakfast was a hit, with the bacon and egg rolls.....rolling out the door pretty much and thank you to all the friends and families of Halifax State School for donating to the cake stall, as this also contributed to the massive profit the school made. Very exciting for the P&C committee as we have all worked very hard to achieve this result and so proud of everyone for their team spirit.

Our students are going to be very happy campers, all money raised will assist students with camps, sporting events & transport to other events.

Up and coming events:

25th July          School Sports Carnival
1st August         NAIDOC DAY, St Teresa’s College, Abergowrie
16th August        School Markets
17th-22nd August   Ingham Arts Festival
21st September     Halifax Hotel – Giant Raffle & Band
Weekly Raffles     Commercial & Halifax Hotels

Over the holidays, we had some good news we not only received a grant for the tuckshop but also for a sporting program all to the value of $7000. So we have already started preparations into providing the students with healthier menu choices by purchasing a Refrigerated Display unit for the students. The P&C committee would like to offer parents a chance to have an input into the sports program and we welcome new ideas as to how this money will be used. New ideas can be discussed at our next meeting at the Halifax Community and Playgroup centre on Tuesday 12th August at 3.30pm.

Our school Audit on Discipline, Key Strategies and Learning and inspection was passed with extraordinary achievements. Big thanks to Mr Don Pritchard who is always continuing to strive and guide our children and help Halifax State School prosper and utilise the benefits of a small school and the big heart from all the staff, parents and students within.

Hope to see new members joining up this month and enjoy your week ahead.

Geri Stanfield

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### Tuckshop Roster—Tuckshop roster for the Term 3 is below

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