



Newsletter

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Important dates

21st March – Gymnastics Program

28th March – Gymnastics Program

4th April – Gymnastics Program

4th April - End of Term 1

5th April – School holidays commence

18th April – Good Friday

21st April – Easter Monday

22nd April – Term 2 commences

25th April – ANZAC Day

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

The 28 of March was the completion of a number of our important school documents namely;

- 2014 Annual implementation Plan
- Great Results Guarantee
- Leading Reading and Writing Improvement Program

The main focus of these documents is the improvement of reading throughout all levels of the school.

Our process is;

- Allocation of funds for extra teacher aides to improve student reading outcomes (funds secured from GRG)
- Provided parents with a focused daily reading program
- Parent volunteers helping with NAPLAN and guided reading in the morning
- Daily reading activities
- Daily and weekly reading comprehension programs.

Presently our explicit teaching strategy is identifying “key words in texts” - to develop greater comprehension strategies and this is the focus in our nightly reading activity booklets. Student improvement especially in reading is a shared responsibility between the school and home environment. All students should be reading each night and all students have been provided with reading materials. Together as a team our students will achieve great outcomes.

Every day counts

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn't miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos (<http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland>) live on DETE TV.

Interactive tutoring

All students at our school have free online tutoring through Study Ladder. Study Ladder aligns with the National Curriculum, is interactive and well enjoyed by all students. All students have a password and login. Our current Home work model will be replaced with this better learning resource over the coming weeks.

Regards
Donald Pritchard

What are we up to

P to 2

This week we begin Unit 2 in C2C English which focuses on creating persuasive imaginative texts. Learning activities include exploring persuasion in picture books, examining persuasion in a text, writing a persuasive text, publishing and presenting a persuasive text.

In C2C Maths, Preps are recording quantities using images, symbols or words.

Year 1 are working on number patterns and year 2s are matching numeral and number name representations for 2-digit numbers.



What are we up to

3 to 7

Maths

Yr 3 Number and place value adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers

Yr 4 Number and place value adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers

Yr 5 Number adding and subtracting numbers to 10 000

Yr 6 Fractions adding and subtracting common fractions

Yr 7 Relationships- associative properties

We are continuing;

NAPLAN maths practice

English

Yr 3 – 4 Examination of character traits of characters in short stories

Yr 5/6/7 Exploring animated characters in comics

We are continuing;

NAPLAN Reading practice

❖ **All schools are engaged in the same C2C Units at the same time with similar lessons aligned to the National curriculum.**

Recent events

Student Leader Induction

Last Monday Student Leaders were presented with their badges. The Halifax State School Leaders are – School Captain: Oliver Putzka, Sports House Captain (Kangaroos) – Trenyce Pearce, Sports House Captain (Emus) – Erin Begg. These students now have important roles to fill and will be great role models and ambassadors for the Halifax State School.



Junior Playground Opening

Last Monday the new Junior Playground was also officially opened. Present at the event were Deb Marsden (Grant and Playground Coordinator), Amanda Steven (Playground Coordinator) and James Steven (Volunteered his time and machinery). The hard work of these people and the many more parents that constructed borders, shovelled sand and much more was acknowledged.

A new sign designed and donated by Deb Marsden for our late cleaner Fay Grasso was also placed in the nearby garden she established.



P & C Meeting—The **P & C Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday, 26th March, 2014 at 3.30pm.** We are encouraging all parents to attend and consider nominating for a position. All positions are vacant so please consider working closely with our school towards building a stronger school community where all children benefit.

Tuckshop Roster— Tuckshop roster for Term 1 is below

Date	Workers	Baker
25 th February	Jan Marinoni Josie Barrett	Prachern Morley
4 th March	Michelle Thompson Jasmine Pearce	Davina Hamper
11 th March	Louise Jones Karen Burt	Karen Burt
18 th March	Jan Marinoni Josie Barrett	Angela Wigg
25 th March	Deb Marsden Jasmine Pearce	Kim Lake
1 st April	Michelle Thompson Jan Marinoni	Dallas Mallett

HERBERT RIVER ATHLETICS CLUB SIGN ON

10/3/14 – 12/3/14 from 3.30 to 4.30 pm

George Day Oval, Marina Pde, Ingham.

New Registrations require Birth Certificate sightings.

Come along and be part of our club.

Registered for ‘Get in the Game – Get Started’

