



## Newsletter

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### Important dates

7<sup>th</sup> August – Small School Athletics

12<sup>th</sup> August – P&C Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> August – Barnes Cup

16<sup>th</sup> August – School Markets

17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August – Ingham Arts Festival

19<sup>th</sup> August – Small Schools Verse Speaking

### Our School Rules

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

### THIS WEEKS FOCUS

*YCDI – Getting Along*

**SCHOOL RULE: Consideration**

### 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](mailto: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

Our Kangaroos and Emu day went very well. We were lucky the weather held for most of the day. Kangaroos were this year's winners. Thanks to the parents helping in the tuckshop and at various events.

### Continuing role

On Thursday I was informed by district office that I would continue in my current role until the end of the year and I look forward to serving the community until then.

### Discipline Audit

We achieved very well in our Discipline Audit achieving the highest possible outcomes. You can read the details on our web page. So proud of our teachers, students and the very supportive community.

### Lower Herbert Team for Small Schools Athletics Carnival

All students are expected to attend the small Schools Athletics Carnival on this Thursday at George Day Oval. All students will compete as a minimum in a sprint race, ball game and relay. Older students (10-12y) will be in 200m, 800m and field events if they have qualified. The relay and ball games teams will be made up of students from both Halifax and St Peters and any points gained during the day in individual events will all go towards Lower Herbert Points.

**Donald Pritchard**

## *What are we up to*

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We are well into our poetry unit and the students have written some very creative poetry using the proper poetic devices. In Maths we are looking at the process of addition and recalling addition number facts. In Science we are studying human behaviour is affected by the weather in different landscapes.



## **What are we up to**

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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

# READING

Comprehension is...

the essence of reading

active and intentional thinking in which the meaning is constructed through interactions between the text and the reader.

Comprehension: the complex cognitive process involving the intentional interaction between reader and text to extract meaning.

Research on Reading Comprehension tells us that...

Readers who comprehend well are also good decoders

Teach decoding and word recognition strategies

Time spent reading is highly correlated with comprehension

Provide for lots of in-class reading, outside of class reading, independent reading

Encourage kids to read more and read widely - develop a passion for reading

## This week's Behavioural Article

A clear definition of what bullying is.

- Bullying is intentional, repeated behaviour by an individual or group of individuals that causes distress, hurt or undue pressure. Bullying involves the abuse of power in relationships and bullying can be;
  - verbal e.g. name calling, teasing, threats
  - physical e.g. hitting, spitting, tripping
  - social or psychological e.g. ignoring, alienating, spreading rumours, dirty looks, malicious SMS and email messages.

Bullying is clearly explained in the first sentence with the two key words being 'intentional and repeated'. If the behaviour is intentional and if the behaviour is repeated then the behaviour is defined as 'bullying'. Understanding and having students clearly understand what the definition of bullying means is an important element in dealing with bullying. It provides the foundation to teach students the skills and strategies available to them to use within situations where bullying is occurring. Over the next few weeks skills and strategies to help deal with bullying in context will be provided. For further information please refer to the following site [www.bullyingnoway.com.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au).

## Recent events

### NAIDOC Trip to Abergowrie College



### Emus vs Kangaroos Athletics Day



**P & C Meeting**—The P & C General Meeting is on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 3.30pm at **Halifax Community Centre**. All are welcome.

**Presidents Word –**

Hello everyone,

We are in August already and can't believe how quick this year has gone, and how good this school year has been already. The P&C Committee would like to welcome new students Morgan and Trinity and their families, we hope you enjoy the new friendships and fun that will happen for you at Halifax State School.

Raffle roster is attached to newsletter so please check when you are rostered on and if you can't make it please ask for assistance and call me on 0497653878 to make other arrangements. The Halifax Hotel is now holding raffles on their happy hour from 12- 1pm every Sunday also offering extra bonus prizes, but don't forget the Commercial Hotel also a big support of the school with school raffles every Saturday from 12-1 in conjunction with their race day.

With lots of students having birthdays lately, I'd like to wish them all a very happy birthday and hope you had a great time.

Just a quick introduction to the new gardener getting around the school, we'd like to welcome Mr Jon Bolt who is helping Ms Jones out with various jobs in the garden. Great work to you both!

The school and P&C could really do with more volunteers and if you are thinking of joining or should I say helping other parents that just want to see all the students and teachers do well then call me for further information on 0497653878.

We will again be looking for cakes to be donated for the cake stall we will hold at the next markets on the 16th August which is just round the corner and is the LAST Market for the year! If you want to donate then you can call me and I will do a special pick up.

We are having our next General meeting on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August and another one on the 15th August to discuss markets. We then have one on the 26th August to discuss sporting and tuckshop grants and would love to see fresh faces with more ideas.

Regards

Geri Stanfield  
**President**  
**Halifax P&C Association**  
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**Tuckshop Roster— Tuckshop roster for Term 3 is below**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Workers</b>	<b>Baker</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Josie Barrett Deb Marsden</b>	<b>Prachern Morley</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Louise Jones Michelle Thompson</b>	<b>Davina Hamper</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Jasmine Pearce Cindy Pamerter</b>	<b>Raylene Eveleigh</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Deb Marsden Jan Marinoni</b>	<b>Kim Lake</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Louise Jones Michelle Thompson</b>	<b>Dallas Mallett</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Jasmine Pearce Deb Marsden</b>	<b>Angela Wigg</b>