Dear Parents

Hard to believe that it’s only two weeks to go before the end of the term, and what a term is has been, our school has done so well with the audits and NAPLAN.

Add in winning the Small School Athletics, and second placings in the Barnes Cup and Arts Festival to cap off the large variety of learning opportunites the students have at the school. We have one more interschool carnival to go with the Macknade All Schools Touch Carnival on Thursday, 18th September.

Student resourcing

It is that time of year again. Many students have run out of resources and require pens, pencils and books, please talk to your children and find out what they might need.

Contact details

A contact sheet will go out today please fill out the sheet and return it to school at your quickest convince.

As a majority of our contacts are done online if you are experiencing Internet problems please let the school know.

Donald Pritchard
What are we up to

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It’s been a busy fortnight with assessments, the Sports Expo, listening to the Innisfail Primary Concert band as well as all the other learning activities that make up the day.

Dads will be pleased with the Father’s Day gift the students will be making for them.

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.
Make books special.

Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, read with them, and buy them books as gifts. Have a favourite place for books in your home or, even better, put books everywhere.

Get them to read another one.

Find ways to encourage your child to pick up another book. Introduce him or her to a series like The Boxcar Children or Harry Potter or to a second book by a favourite author, or ask the librarian for additional suggestions.

Crack open the dictionary.

Let your child see you use a dictionary. Say, “Hmm, I’m not sure what that word means... I think I’ll look it up.”

Talk about what you see and do.

Talk about everyday activities to build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension. Keep up a running patter, for example, while cooking together, visiting somewhere new, or after watching a TV show.

This week’s Behavioural Article

Become a Peaceful Parent

Becoming a peaceful parent is perhaps one of the hardest tasks a parent can undertake. The first step is to vow to create harmony in your home.

Create Harmony in the Home Environment

Creating a peaceful home environment encourages everyone who lives in that home to be more relaxed. When we are relaxed, we feel calmer and are more likely to interact with others in a gentle way.

- A harmonious home is orderly. It is hard to feel peaceful when the house is dirty and filled with clutter. Unfortunately, clutter tends to build up quickly in a house with children. Toys seem to overtake bedrooms and living rooms. Teach children how to organise their toys. Likewise, model good organizing and cleaning habits in the rest of the house and enlist your children’s help.
- A peaceful home has a predictable routine. Most children do best when there is a reliable flow to their day. Meals, naptimes, outings and bedtime should fall roughly at the same time each day.
- Set a calm mood in the house. Turn the television off for extended periods of time. The loud, fast pace of many television programs interferes with a peaceful environment. Instead, play relaxing music or simply enjoy the silence.
Recent events

Sports Expo
Last Thursday all students travelled to Forrest Beach to participate in the Sports Expo. Students had a wonderful time experience skills in different sports such as Baseball, Wheelchair Basketball, Hockey, Rugby League, Badminton Golf, Lawn Bowls, Tennis and Soccer.

Innisfail Primary Concert Band Visit
We were fortunate enough to have the Innisfail Primary Concert Band stop in as part of their tour and play some songs using string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.
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 again everyone,

Hope you are all well, the flu has really caught a lot of families off guard this winter so plenty of vitamins and healthy eating. This brings me to the new Tuckshop Menu which is attached to newsletter.

TUCKSHOP
The committee have been busy making changes to the tuckshop due to the $1000 we received from the Qld Government Smart Choices Grant. We have made a healthier and affordable menu which gives our students choices to not only choose their own lunches but choose healthier options. We have bought some new appliances to make real fruit smoothies already proving a hit and with the new freezer, meals can now be prepared and stored which is going to be a lot more convenient to volunteers and convenor.

RAFFLES
Saturday Raffles at the Commercial Hotel will now be run by their staff.

NEXT MEETING 16th September 2014 @ 3.30pm
Held at the Halifax SS Community Centre, Agenda – winner of raffles, camp date, graduation, sports grant, community involvement, communication, STEP into PREP, school fund raising events.

Well I know I am always thanking everyone and not everyone gets a mention but rest assured everyone involved with the school community whether it be a Parent, Teacher, Cleaner, Student, P&C committee or our Volunteer Gardner Mr Jon Bolt. You are all appreciated and with the great team that exists in this little school then we can do anything!!

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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Hinchinbrook Shire Council
2014-2015 Half Yearly Rate Notice

RATES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

For enquiries, call 47764623
Office Hours 8.30am-5.00pm

Unable to pay your Rates? Please contact Council on the above number to discuss further options.
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### Phone data plan (please circle one)

- [Yes](#)
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Herbert River Amateur Swimming Club
Come and try!

Who > Are you six years of age or older and can swim 25 metres unassisted? Then this is for you!

Why > Have fun, make friends, practise your race skills and improve your swimming times.

When > Swimming Club operates September to March on Friday evenings from 5.30pm. Everyone welcome!

How > For further information, call Club President, Stewart Jackson on 0407963008 or email smjackson05@bigpond.com

First 2 club nights FREE!

Great friendly, family atmosphere, HEALTHY and lots of FUN too!
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.
A great night out to catch up with old friends at the...

Breast Cancer
FUNDRAISING DINNER
When: Saturday
11th October 2014
Where: Royal Hotel Ingham
Time: 6.30 pm

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bookings Essential
Tickets must be purchased by
6th October 2014
(NO LATE TICKETS AVAILABLE)
Single $35
Family $90 (2 Adults & 2 Children)
Kindly respond to Tammy on
0431 066 782

Wear something PINK to support
Breast Cancer Awareness

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!
ALL MONIES RAISED GOES TO THE CANCER COUNCIL QLD

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE