Dear Parents

This week our students in year 3 and 5 will be doing the NAPLAN tests. These tests are broken into:

Language conventions
Writing
Reading
Numeracy

Each test duration is between 40 to 60 minutes long.

Celebrating National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week, held from 27 May to 3 June, provides an opportunity for our school community to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. It’s a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The 27 May and 3 June are important dates in Australia’s history, and mark the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

This year, Halifax State School will join the reconciliation journey by involving students in the following: participating National Reconciliation Week events and activities at Abergowrie College.

On another important note, May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. The campaign for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in 2016 challenges schools, workplaces and others to take action to prevent domestic and family violence. To mark this location Halifax police have organized a candle lighting ceremony on the 31.05.16 at 6:30 PM on the Halifax Bridge. On this date each person present will be given a candle to hold in an effort to shine a light on the real issue and take a stand against domestic violence.

We would like to invite all students, parents, friends and supporters of Halifax state School to take part in the ceremony.

Donald Pritchard
Five ways to build your child's literacy:

1. Build a strong foundation with early reading and writing experiences.
2. Encourage language development through conversations.
3. Provide opportunities for kids to explore and create their own stories.
4. Foster a love for reading by choosing books that interest them.
5. Support your child's learning by reading with them daily.

Kindergarten to Year 4:

Talking and Listening Tips for Children
This week’s Behavioural Article

What role do children play in behaviour guidance?

An important part of helping children learn to guide their behaviour is giving them some responsibility. This begins with having appropriate expectations. Talk with them about their behaviour. Let them know that you trust them. Help them learn to self regulate, for example, to take themselves away from the group to have some quiet time when they need it. Encourage them to help others and remind others of rules and limits. But let them know that you are always there to help.

Especially when there are older children in care, discuss rules and limits. Ask them what they think is reasonable. Think carefully about and discuss with children issues related to having different limits and rules for children of different ages.

Creating a caring and respectful environment assists everyone to feel part of the group and to takes responsibility for the wellbeing of others.

ARMY EXERCISE – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Monday, 16th May – 9am-2pm

To be involved with an Army Exercise, which will require preferably children with parents to meet at Halifax Primary School and be picked up by Army Personnel and transported to Ingham Train Station. Upon completion all volunteers will be moved back to Halifax State School. For the exercise we are needing between 10-15 people who can move unassisted.

For questions please call Captain Niel Gould on 0448 227784 and for Expressions of Interest complete the slip below and return to Halifax State School ASAP. Final Selection will be made by the army.

For those who wish to observe the activity it will be conducted at Halifax State School between the hours 8am-10am.

Permission Slip – Expression of Interest to Participate in Army Exercise

Parent Name – ____________________________________________

Student/s Name/s and Age/s - ______________________________________

Signed: ___________________________________________________
Recent Events

ANZAC Day
Halifax State School students proudly represented their school on ANZAC day marching in the Halifax Parade.

Scientists
Recently the P-2 continued their work as scientists exploring different materials and what items they could make from different materials.
P & C Meeting— The next General Meeting is this Thursday, 12\textsuperscript{th} May, 2.00pm in A Block. All are welcome

**Tuckshop**—No assistant workers are now required. **The Baking Roster** for Term 2 is following.

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**Romanello Shield (7-12yo)**

Thankyou for those who have returned Romanello Shield forms. We will be combining with other schools to form a Junior and Senior Team. Thankyou to Jimmy Thompson for offering his services to coach on the day. For those competing, please complete the attached forms (indemnity and mouthguard) and return asap.

**Cross Country (all ages)**

Is on this Friday afternoon, 13\textsuperscript{th} May with the first race commencing at 12 midday. First race will be Boys and Girls 12 yo, followed by 11yo etc finishing with 5yo. Those in the first races need to be in town at the George Day Oval at 11.45am. Distances are – 12,11yo = 3km, 10yo = 2km, 8,9yo = 1.5km, 5,7,8yo = 1km. Students will need to be in uniform and bring a hat, closed in running shoes, waterbottle and sunscreen.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

HALIFAX BRIDGE (NEXT TO THE SPAR)
31.05.16 - 06:30PM
CANDLES PROVIDED

Together we can shine light on domestic violence and take a stand against it.