



Newsletter

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Important dates

- 14th November – City v Country Swimming Carnival
- 16th November – School swimming
- 23rd November – School swimming
- 23rd November – P&C Meeting
- 30th November – School Swimming
- 6th December – End Of Year Celebration
- 7th November – Swimming Fun Session
- 9th December – Final day of school

Our School Rules

- Courtesy
- Cooperation
- Commitment
- Consideration

THIS WEEKS FOCUS

YCDI – Confidence

SCHOOL RULE: Courtesy

Absent Letters and phone calls

New guidelines have been released on how schools have to manage student absences.

Attendance

Attendance for Semester 1: **93%**

Attendance for Term 4: **97%**

Attendance target **98%**



From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

End Of Year Presentation and Year Book

Ms Spina is putting the presentation and our year book together and is after early photos of our year 6 students. Not after anything too candid, we just want to show how much they've grown.

Swimming

Congratulations to Callum and Connor on being selected in the 'Country' swimming team for the annual Primary School's swimming carnival to be held next Monday evening at the Ingham Pool. Good luck to the boys and all are welcome to come and support them.

Thanks to the Halifax Hotel for the use of their people-mover to assist us with transporting all our swimmers to the Country Trials last week. Very much appreciated.

Tuckshop

A big thanks to Michelle and Ang for preparing the lunches over the last couple of weeks

Remembrance Day

Friday 11 November. We will be attending the service at the Cenotaph. We will leave school at 10.30 and should be back at about 11.30 for lunch. Students need to have their neatest uniforms on for Friday. Year 6 in Seniors shirts please.

Christmas Hamper

Thanks for the donations that have already arrived. We are still accepting any offers of dry goods that we can turn into a successful raffle. We will put the 'stocking' together at the end of this week.

Student Behaviour

I have had some issues that I have had to deal with in the past couple of weeks. This is disappointing and, unfortunately, seems to happen around this time of the year.

Of similar concern are reports that some behaviours are going unreported and that there is a sense of 'There's no point saying anything because nothing will happen.'

The obvious answer to this is that we can't do anything if we haven't been told about it. Please encourage your children to let me or one of the teachers or aides know if they feel that they have been wronged. I like that kids go home and talk to their parents/carers about what has happened at school, but, if they are telling you about an incident that has happened to them, ask them if they have told a teacher (and who?) and what did they actually say? We have lots of basic "He hit me, She hit me" type complaints but quite often there was equal responsibility for what has happened. And where there is a lack of detail and corroborating evidence it is very difficult to apportion blame. We try to follow patterns of behaviour and repeat actions to find what has really occurred and sometimes this takes time. It doesn't mean that we are 'doing nothing'.

The school has a Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students where the school Code of Conduct is enacted. This document has been signed off by the P & C and the Regional Office. At all times we follow the processes and intent of this document to try to provide a safe and supportive environment for all of our students.

Cheers, Michael Blake

Acting Principal Halifax SS

Recent Events

Lunch Time Activities

Every lunch time the majority of students enjoy participating in a whole school game of soccer.

