



Newsletter

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Important dates

10th September – P&C Meeting

13th September – Lucinda Markets Bake Stall

17th September – Mkd All Schools Touch Carnival

18th September – Last day Term 3

5th October – Labour Day public holiday

6th October – First Day Term 3

6th-8th October – Yr 3-6 School Camp, Cairns

Our School Rules

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

THIS WEEKS FOCUS

YCDI – Persistence

SCHOOL RULE: Commitment

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.

Attendance

Attendance target 98% Currently sitting at 97 %



From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

As the term comes to an end, I wish to take this moment to thank the staff, parents and students for their great work over the term. Our small school with a big heart has been rewarded with wins in sport and academics. We even won a place as school of the week in regional office. Wow. To use the words of Mrs Currington we won't stop till our good is best and our best better! Have a safe and fun filled break.

Parent teacher interviews

We encourage parents to make arrangements for 3 way conversations. A three-way conversation includes the student as the centre of the discussions with parents and teachers present. Students inform teachers and parents how they have achieved their term goals and what goals they wish to achieve in the following term. 3 way conversations allow for students to become comfortable with forming goals for achievement, taking responsibility for their learning and becoming assessment literate.

Camp

A final itinerary with 'what to bring' will be provided to students in years 3 to 6 on Friday.

Macknade Touch

Some students in the Year 3-6 Class have been selected to represent a Senior Halifax team at the Macknade All Schools Touch Carnival next Thursday, 17th September. We wish them luck as they try to repeat last year's efforts and bring home a Winners trophy.

Donald Pritchard

READING


Reading

- **Tap into interests and hobbies.** Kids are more likely to read about what they find really interesting, like sports or crafts.
- Don't worry if it's a comic book, magazine or an illustrated novel, just remember all reading is good and tastes will change as they get older. When you go to the library, let them choose their own books.
- **Find books that relate to TV shows.** Let's face it, TV and video games are part of life now and our kids benefit when we help them learn how to think about these messages too. We also know that some kids find TV and video games fascinating. You can use this to your advantage—introduce them to books or magazines that relate to their favourite shows, movies or games.
- **Encourage your older kids to read to younger kids.** The older child will practice reading out loud and the younger child will enjoy being read to. Best of all, they get to enjoy spending time together.
- **Play games together.** Trivia games and board games such as *Junior Trivial Pursuit*® or *Junior Scrabble*® can be a fun way to learn about words and reading. Children have such a good time playing they don't realize they are learning.
- **Computers can be reading zones too!** Though we all feel that kids may spend too much time on the computer, there are some great games that help kids with reading and allow them to create their own stories and books. Look for "parent approved" on the box in stores and in the library.

Give praise. The best motivation comes from your positive feedback. Whenever your child finishes a reading or writing assignment, ask about what was read and praise your child's effort.

This week's Behavioural Article

We invite parents to have their say on the review of our current Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. If you wish to have your say please attend a P and C meeting or contact the P and C president.

You Can Do It! (YCDI)	5 KEYS TO SUCCESS
	The framework of Halifax State School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.
	Confidence: Means trying something new and not being afraid of making mistakes.
	Persistence: Means sticking to work that seems very hard or impossible to do and not giving up.
	Getting Along: Means helping others with their school work, working nicely in small groups, and managing your temper when someone is mean to you or doesn't do what you want.
	Resilience: Means you are good at staying calm (you don't get nervous, down or angry), calming down when you get upset and bouncing back to do your work and play with others.



P & C Meeting— The next **General Meeting** is today **Thursday, 10th September, 2.00pm** at the Halifax Community Centre.

Lucinda Markets Bake Stall – A reminder donations are required for the Bake Stall at the Lucinda Markets on Sunday, 13th September.

Tuckshop – For Rewards Day on Friday, 18th September, Tuckshop will be provided Free of Charge for First Lunch. This will consist of Party Pies, Sausage Rolls, Cocktail Frankfurts and a Drink. Children are to bring their own snack for second break.

Roster for Term 3

Date	Workers	Baker
31 st August	Louise Jones Amanda Steven	Dallas Mallett
7 th September	Louise Jones Michelle Thompson	Angela Wigg
14 th September	Louise Jones Jimmy Thompson	Prachern Morley



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TEACHER AIDE – TA002
1 x 17 hours per week

Applications are invited for the positions of a temporary/part time Teacher Aide at Halifax State School.

An application package including the Selection Criteria is available for collection from Halifax State School, 17 Victoria Terrace, Halifax. To request an application package or for further information, please contact Donald Pritchard, Acting Principal. Prospective employees are required to make application for and be able to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Applications for the position close on Friday, 9th October, 2015 and should be addressed and forwarded to:

Donald Pritchard – Principal
Halifax State School