



Newsletter

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Important dates

19th July – Romanello Shield

23rd July – Emus v Kangaroos Sports Day

28th July – School Photos

31st July – Small School Sports Day

14th August – Barnes Cup

15th August – Halifax SS Quiz Night

Our School Rules

- Courtesy
- Cooperation
- Commitment
- Consideration

THIS WEEKS FOCUS

YCDI – Ready Set You Can Do It

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

Welcome back to the small school with a big heart and term 3. I was really pleased with the effort students, staff and primary care givers have put into education and the levels of achievements (LOAs) students achieved over the last semester.

This term our main project is to implement the Key Strategies from the Full School Review and commence quadrennial school review (QSR) process for term 4. I am looking for members from the school community to participate in round table discussions into where the school direction will be going over the next four years.

School opinion surveys

Over the next week students, staff and parents will be completing a school opinion survey. The survey confirms to the rest of the world just what a great school we are. A form with on line passcodes is attached. If you wish to participate and do not have a form, online pass codes are available from the office.

Did you know?

There are only 93 school days left in this school year.

Social media items

Follow DET on Facebook and Twitter



For Facebook

Would you like to keep up-to-date with initiatives, programs and events happening across the state as well as the latest information on unexpected school closures? Visit the Queensland Department of Education and Training Facebook page and QLDDET on Twitter and keep in touch!

<https://www.facebook.com/QueenslandDepartmentofEducationandTraining>



For Twitter

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Donald Pritchard

READING

10 tips to help your son with reading

Research demonstrates that boys as a group are lagging in reading and writing skills. If your son is having difficulty, he may need different approaches to encourage interest in reading. Here are 10 simple tips you can use at home to improve your son's literacy skills.

- **It takes time to build confidence and skill.** It's not how hard the book is that counts, it's the amount of reading that matters. Let your son choose the books he wants to read, even if it's below his reading level. This will help him feel better about his reading skills and give him confidence to try more challenging material.
- **Let him make his own choices.** If it's his choice, then he'll want to read it. Don't worry if he chooses the same types of books to read over and over or if they have edgy humour. Remind yourself that he's actually reading and enjoying it.
- **Everybody enjoys a good story, so read to him.** If your son finds a story interesting but the book too hard, share the reading. This will also make the book more fun to read.
- **Be a role model.** Make sure your son sees you reading and writing. If he sees you doing it, he'll respect you and the activity more.
- **Challenge his mind in other ways.** Reading and writing are only a couple of ways to challenge your son's mind. Spend time with him and share some brain teasing games like chess, crossword puzzles, board games – even video games. An active mind is better prepared for reading.
- **Give his teacher a call.** Next to you, his teacher knows him best. Talk to your son's teacher for updates on his reading and writing. Discuss ways that you can help encourage your boy's literacy skills.
- **Have him read all sorts of material.** There's much more to read than just books. Try reading the instructions to a model airplane or new video game. It's all reading and it's all good practice.
- **Tap into your son's hobbies and interests.** Turn his interest in sports and music into a reason for reading. Give him books and magazines about things that he already finds fun and interesting and he'll soon discover that reading can be interesting too.
- **Use the Net.** Just because it's on a computer screen doesn't mean it's not reading. The Internet is loaded with great sites and games that are perfect for your son. Let his interests be his guide to the sites he'll want to read. Exchanging emails with friends and family is also a great way to practise writing. Just be sure he knows all about Internet safety and that the parental controls are on.

Make his day with a positive word. A pat on the back, school work on the fridge, a smile and the words "good going"... these are gestures that will motivate your son to love reading and writing. So whenever your son finishes a reading or writing assignment, has read a new book or written a story, show genuine interest in it and tell him you're proud.

This week's Behavioural Article

- *Children of primary school age (5-12 years)*

Children need parents to explain to them about adult behaviours and feelings, and why you react as you do. They understand much more about themselves but are still trying to sort out the good bits from the bad bits. They can often go through periods when they are very quiet and good or very restless. They learn about keeping to rules and not cheating. They learn to see things from another's point of view.

- *Always remember to teach what you want your children to do and give choices.*
- *Talk with your child about a wide range of topics. Listen to his views and be willing to discuss differences of opinion rather than forcing your ideas on him.*
- *Children at this age can understand and accept consequences. If your child shares in making some of the rules and the consequences for when they are broken, they will begin learning what self-discipline is all about.*
- *If a rule is broken, the consequence should follow.*
- *Try to be in step with other parents who have children the same age. If you are too far away from what most parents do, you will have difficulty getting your child to cooperate.*
- *Give privileges for good behaviour – children love being given a bonus, e.g. "You've tried hard this week to keep your room tidy – what about staying up an extra hour on Friday night?"*
- *Teach your child how to work out ways to solve problems. This is a useful skill at this age and an important step towards learning self discipline.*

Reminders

- Children need discipline.
- Discipline is about teaching and learning.
- Discipline works best when you have a good relationship with your child.
- Plan to prevent problems when you can.
- Discipline includes rules and consequences.
- Plan rules and consequences ahead of problems – before a crisis.
- Don't make consequences so long or harsh that they lose their meaning.
- You can discipline without using physical punishment.
- Talk to other parents about their rules.
- Spend energy on the really important things and learn to overlook minor irritations.
- Think about what you expect – is it reasonable?
- Few parents enjoy being in the company of angry, frustrated, crying children. Think about what you can do differently.

Notices

ROMANELLO SHIELD

Romanello Shield is on this Sunday 19th July. A draw was sent out yesterday along with an indemnity form which must be completed and returned by Thursday, 16th July. Students will need to wear black shorts/bike pants and joggers/boots. All players are required to wear shin pads.

There are some sets at the school to borrow if needed. A playing shirt and socks will be supplied. The Senior Team is combining with Forrest Beach, whilst the Juniors have 1 player from Mt Fox and 2 from Forrest Beach.

Senior Players will need to be there at 8.00am for a 8.30am game while the Juniors need to be there at 8.30am for a 9.10am game. Jimmy Thompson will be managing the Junior team. Students participating are:

Senior – Trenyce, Olivia, Callum, Liam, Michael, Rhyan, Seth

Junior – Janae, Dustin, Ella, Kurtis, Connor

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday, 28th July (Week 3, Term 3). Envelopes will be sent out early this term so if required please start planning for this expense if you wish to purchase one.



KANGAROOS V EMUS ATHLETICS DAY

Kangaroos v Emus Athletics Day is on **next Thursday, 23rd July**. All children will participate in running and field events, relays and ball games. Emphasis is on participation and all supporters (parents, grandparents, friends) are welcome. The day will also help organise the Halifax/St Peters team for Small Schools Athletics on Friday, 31st July.

Teams are as follows -

Emus (Yellow) – Callum ©, Olivia, Kaileb, Ryhan, Liam M, Mali-Ann, Dustin, Ella, Connor, Bridie, Jasmine, Shila, John

Kangaroos (Red) – Michael ©, Trenyce, Seth, Janae, Morgan, Samuel, Liam S, Kurtis, Trinity, Chloe, Sienna, Gabriel

Lunch will be available at tuckshop for the day. Hot Dogs at a cost of \$3 will be the only hot food available. An order form is below. Please return by this Friday, 17th July to allow for ordering. Please add in orders for the family members attending as well. Students will also be supplied free of charge with fruit, cake and a drink. 2nd Lunch is also provided free of charge and consists of a can of drink, chips and a mini choc.

Hot Dog Order for Emus V Kangaroos Athletics Day

Family Name – _____

Number of hot Dogs required – _____

Total Cost - _____

Return by this Friday, 17th July

P&C News

P & C Meeting— The next General Meeting is Thursday, 16th July, 2.00pm at the Halifax Community Centre.

Quiz Night - We are holding a quiz night at our school on the 15th August 2015 to raise money for our school so note this one in your calendar.

Tuckshop – Will recommence this Monday, 20th July

Roster for Term 3

| Date | Workers | Baker |
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| 20 th July | Louise Jones Jimmy Thompson | Raylene Eveleigh |
| 27 th July | Louise Jones Amanda Steven | Dallas Mallett |
| 3 rd August | Louise Jones Josie Barrett | Angela Wigg |
| 10 th August | Michelle Thompson Raylene Eveleigh | Prachern Morley |
| 17 th August | Louise Jones Jan Marinoni | Davina Hamper |
| 24 th August | Louise Jones Josie Barrett | Raylene Eveleigh |
| 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 |