



Newsletter

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Important dates

16th August—Small Schools Athletics

19th—23rd August—Arts Festival

28th August—Qld Poetry Festival—Free
One Day Roadshow

30th August—Barnes Cup

19th September—Macknade All Schools
Touch

20th September—Sports Expo Day

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.



From The Principals Desk

What a fantastic sports day. Great weather. Students positively engaged and doing their best. Thank you too to all the parent helpers for without their help the sports day couldn't have happened. Congratulations to the winning house— Kangaroos.

School Photos

The photos have arrived and will be going home shortly, if there are any problems please let us know and we can fix them.

Opinion Surveys

If you still have a survey please make sure you hand it into the school. Surveys are very important in guiding the direction the school and community need to take.

Mr Pritchard

From the Guidance Officer

Managing Difficult Moments

Praise and other kinds of acknowledgement are motivating, and are often needed to help children (and adults) change their behaviour. Psychological research has shown that following up a person's good behaviour with something positive makes it more likely that the behaviour will happen again, but is this enough?

The following suggestions will also contribute to a calmer household :

Pick the battles

Especially as children get older the battlefield can, if not monitored, become 'out of control' – As children grow and assert their independence they, at times, push the boundaries. Friends and technology become a focus rather than family; safety can be ignored; messiness and mood changes can create disharmony in the family. Picking and choosing which battle to tackle is an art to acquire. Here is a tip - Focus on the most important **issue** at any one time rather than a plethora of problems.

Remember: Safety is a priority not to be negotiated. If children / adolescents perceive that nothing they do is right then often they give up listening.

Be clear in your expectations

Is what you have asked your child/ adolescent to do clear enough? Saying 'I want you to pick up the clothes off the floor in your room', is clearer and achievable than 'your mess is annoying me'.

Part 2 will be in the next newsletter

What are we up to

P to 3

Week Three already and the P-3 class are well and truly and well into their work. The Year Threes are looking at Traditional Stories while Years P-2s are reading and identifying features of narratives and informational texts. We have read the narratives, *Stellaluna* and *Make Way for The Ducks* and then looked at informational texts about bats and Mallard Ducks.

In Maths we have been doing multiplication and division as well as learning about telling the time.

History sees us looking into the areas of the past and comparing the past and present by looking at stories and pictures.

4 to 7

This week our focus is on assessment in Mathematics', and English. In history we are learning about the ancient Chinese. Science we are learning about droughts and how the sun effects the world.

Recent events



P&C News

P & C Meeting—The next **P & C General Meeting** will be on **Monday 5th August, 2013 at 3.30pm**. All parents are invited to offer input into these meetings.

Agenda Items

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Tuckshop Roster— Tuckshop roster for the next few weeks of Term 3 is below

Date	Workers	Baker
30th July	Michelle Thompson Josie Barrett	Angela Wigg
6th August	Louise Jones Jasmine Pearce	Kim Lake
13th August	Jan Marinoni Josie Barrett	Karen Burt