



Newsletter

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Important dates

24th March – Last Day Term 1

25th March – Good Friday

28th March – Easter Monday

11th April – First Day Term 2

25th April – ANZAC Day

2nd May – Labour Day

Our School Rules

- Courtesy
- Cooperation
- Commitment
- Consideration

THIS WEEKS FOCUS

YCDI – Resilience

SCHOOL RULE: Cooperation

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

Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Halifax State School. All you need is your child's school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers. If you have any trouble, contact Donald Pritchard on 47777132.

STEM hub now available

The [STEM hub for schools](#) and the [STEM hub for parents and students](#) are now available. The hubs aim to provide a one-stop shop for all things related to STEM education, making it simpler and easier to access information. Visit the STEM hubs for professional development, resources and further information.

School Photos – These will be happening in the first week of Term 2 on Thursday, 14th April. We may not have the Order Forms before holidays so please be aware they are on and budget for them if need be. Money needs to be paid on day of the photos being taken.

3 Way Conversations

3 Way Conversations (student, teacher and parent) will happen in term 2 week 1. If you would like to have a 3 Way Conversation. Please make an appointment.

I wish all families a safe and happy break.

Donald Pritchard

READING

We are taking a new journey and are doing peer reading using the gradual release model. The P-2 read to the 3-6 students. The first lesson there is a book discussion on plot, characters illustrations. The second lesson students re read the book and look for language features (verbs and noun groups). The third lesson students re read the book and look for language features (verbs and noun groups and adjectives). The four lesson students re read the book and look for language features (verbs and noun groups and adjectives). Over time the process will be refined based upon student needs.

This week's Behavioural Article

Our school is a part of the Bullying No Way program. For more information please see the Bullying No Way website. Our school is doing a poster competition. Our school does the Program Achieve every Monday.

Recent Events

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday the school participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Students wore something Orange and coloured No Way Bullying Posters.



Digital Technologies

Years 3-6 will be learning Programming in Digital Technologies as part of the C2C Curriculum. Technology Captain, Kaileb has constructed an M Bot and will be assisting in the teaching of the building and programming of the M Bot for the remainder of the class.





P&C News

P & C Meeting— The next General Meeting is Thursday, 14th April, 2.00pm in A Block. All are welcome

Tuckshop – Tuckshop will commence on the first day Term 2 – 11th April. Roster for Term 2 is following.

Date	Workers	Baker
11 th April	Louise Jones	Angela Wigg
18 th April	Michelle Thompson Raylene Eveleigh	Raylene Eveleigh
9 th May	Louise Jones Angela Wigg	Angela Wigg
16 th May	Louise Jones Michelle Thompson	Prachern Morley
23 rd May	Louise Jones Jimmy Thompson	Amanda Steven
30 th May	Louise Jones Raylene Eveleigh	Davina Hamper
6 th June	Louise Jones Michelle Thompson	Raylene Eveleigh
13 th June	Louise Jones Angela Wigg	Prachern Morley
20 th June	Louise Jones	

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on Thursday, 14th April (Week 1, Term 2). Envelopes will be sent out on the first day of Term 2 so if required please start planning for this expense if you wish to purchase one.

