



Newsletter

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Issue 1

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Important dates

26th January – Australia Day
31st March – Final Day Term 1
14th April – Good Friday
16th April – Easter Sunday
17th April – Easter Monday
18th April – First Day Term 2

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

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

Attendance

Attendance for Semester 1: 100%

Attendance for Term 1: 100%

Attendance target 98%



From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of another year at Halifax SS! At the moment we have enrolments of 20 students with 3 new students arriving on day 1. A big hello to Chace and Jack in Prep and to Kevin in Year 1. We hope you and your families find Halifax SS to be a great fit for your education, and that you enjoy your time here.

Staff

We said farewell to Mrs Currington at the end of last year and are now awaiting our final enrolments on Day 8 to find out how our staffing will look for this year. As soon as we have anything definite in this area I will let you know.

Break-up night

Well done to everyone involved in break-up last year. The dancing was great, the food amazing and the turn-up outstanding.

Book Levy

Mrs Phillips will be sending out invoices for the \$40 book levy for this year. Please help her out by paying it as soon as possible. If there are circumstances that are causing difficulties in paying this, please call me to discuss ways that we can help.

Attendance + Friday

Student attendance is a very important set of information for our school; Firstly attendance has a huge impact on student learning, secondly it is one of our key focus points in our annual school plan. Please don't give our students the day off on Friday. I know it is tempting to have Friday as an extra day but the effect on our attendance rate is quite significant.

At this stage we have 100% attendance, let's see how long we can keep that.

Student Absences

Due to the new legislation requirements regarding student absences, we are required to contact parents if we have no information regarding students not being at school.

We now have a dedicated phone number on which you can advise the school of any absences. This number is 0472 863 366. You can send an SMS message or leave a voice message if no one answers.

The rolls will be marked at 9.30am and any contacts will be made by text (where possible) by 10am.

This procedure was ratified at a P & C meeting in 2016. Please call me if you wish to discuss this process.

Staff

Thank you to our staff for their efforts over the break, and particularly last week, to get the school ready for the start of the year.

Tuckshop

We are looking at tuckshop starting in week 3 and we have had some interest from people who are keen to help. Further details after the P & C meeting.

P & C Meeting

The next meeting of the P & C is the AGM. We are hoping to call it for some time next week.

So far we have had a great start to the year. Lovely to meet all the new families and I'm looking forward to some more happy times at Halifax!

Cheers, Michael Blake

Acting Principal Halifax SS

Recent Events

Welcome

We would like to welcome 2 new families to the school. We have Jack in Prep and Kevin in Year 1. We also have Chace, brother to Anneka starting in Prep.



P-2 Classroom

