Dear Parents

Another term has come to an end and I am very proud of the effort and achievements of our students and this will be reflected in the report cards that will be sent out this Friday.

We recently had the School Improvement Unit review and the report will be made available on our school webpage and a hard copy will be available from the office. This document directs the strategic plan of the school for the next four years. I will be discussing the findings of the review and the direction the school will need to undertake over the course of the next four years.

In the P&C Section please find information about Romanello Shield and School Photos. More information about these will be forwarded early in Term 3.

I wish all families a safe and happy break.

Donald Pritchard
1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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

Self Esteem Builder

#6: Spend time with your child Carving out time to spend together shows your child you think they are a worthwhile person who is fun to be around. Self Esteem Builder

#7: Focus on the positive in their behaviour ... rather than emphasising what they didn’t do well. For example, instead of criticising your child for screaming at their sibling, you could try praising them for using their words to communicate rather than hitting, before working on the issue at hand. Self Esteem Builder

#8: Let Your Child Lead The Play When you play with your child, let them initiate and direct the game instead of always jumping in and taking over. This shows them that you think their ideas are valuable and interesting (even if in reality the tenth rendition of ‘The Cat in the Hat’ has you bored out of your mind). Self Esteem Builder

#9: Create A Wall Of Fame It’s a great idea to have a wall of fame or another place for your child to display their successes and achievements. This can be a great confidence booster and an injection of positive reinforcement if they are feeling a bit low. Self Esteem Builder

#10: Be Specific In Your Praise Rather than just saying ‘well done’, hone in on what it was they did well and why that was good. Rather than saying, ‘I am so proud of you!’ all of the time, try saying, ‘You should be so proud of yourself!’ as this will teach them to approve of themselves rather than seek it from others. Of course, it’s okay to tell your children you are proud of them, but making it more of a habit to say the latter can really support healthy self esteem.

Healthy self-esteem isn’t built in a day, or a year, it’s an ongoing process of feeling capable, confident and achieving goals. By giving your child a safe and secure foundation and letting them take risks and learn for themselves you can help set them on the path to a future as a confident, happy adult. - See more at: http://www.bellybelly.com.au/child/effective-ways-to-build-your-childs-self-esteem/
What are we up to

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We have come to the end of term 2. The students have been involved in completing assessments and finishing off work tasks over the last few weeks. Last week we made paddle pop craft.

Congratulations Trenyce

Trenyce attended the NQ Touch Trials recently and displayed much improved skills to be considered by the Selectors. So well done Trenyce.

What are we up to

Student of the Week

Congratulations to

Janae Pearce
Recent Events

Rugby League Skill Sessions
Over the last 3 weeks P-6 have been learning some rugby league skills. They have run, kicked and caught footballs and even got to take home their own football.

Lawn Bowls Sessions
The Year 4-6 children had the opportunity to participate in some Lawn Bowl lessons. All children enjoyed the sessions and are now ready to enter the Macknade Bowls Competition against small schools for the right to play against the winners of Ingham State and Lourdes.
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<td><strong>P &amp; C Meeting</strong>— The next General Meeting is today, Thursday, 25th June, 3.00pm at the Halifax Community Centre.</td>
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<td><strong>Quiz Night</strong> - 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.</td>
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**ROMANELLO SHIELD**

We have had a great response from our students to participate in the ROMANELLO SHIELD on Sunday, 19th July (First Sunday back after holidays) at the Fairford Road Soccer Fields. Our 7 Seniors will combine with Forrest Beach and our 5 Juniors will combine with Mt Fox. More information will be on this in the first day or two back in Term 3.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday, 28th July (Week 3, Term 3). Envelopes will be sent out early in Term 3 so if required please start planning for this expense if you wish to purchase one.
Members of the Community are invited to attend a Community Shed Meeting:-

Date: Tuesday 7 July 2015
Time: Commencing at 5:30pm
Location: Halifax State School

This meeting is open to all members of the public, however is particularly focused on residents of Halifax, Lucinda, Taylors Beach, Macknade and Cordelia.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow Councillors to meet with residents to discuss any concerns that may be occurring in their area.

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**Ingham Naidoc Day Celebrations**

*When – Friday, 10th July*

*Where – Ingham Rotary Park*

*Time – 10am-5pm*

The festivities to be held are – BBQ, Elders Tent with free tea and coffee, Children’s Activity Tent, Free kids rides, Free entertainment, Art and Craft Stalls, Naidoc Information Stall, Kids races and games and Youth Awards.

*This is a free event for all community members to enjoy.*