Newletter

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Important dates
5th September – Pre-Prep Welcome day
15th September - Macknade All Schools Touch
16th September – Kangaroos v Emus Day
16th September – Final Day Term 3

Our School Rules
- Courtesy
- Cooperation
- Commitment
- Consideration

THIS WEEKS FOCUS
YCDI – Persistence
SCHOOL RULE: Commitment

Absent Letters and phone calls
New guidelines have been released last week on how schools have to manage student absences. Please read the article on page 2.

Attendance
Attendance for Semester 1: 93%
Attendance for Term 3: 91%
Attendance target 98%

From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents
I apologise in advance for any mis- (spellings, pronunciations, information, takes etc) as I have been diagnosed with Influenza B and have a few clouds in my head (some banging together!)

Welcomes
1) Welcome to the Peebles boys. Having relocated from Bohle SS, no doubt the boys will thrive in our lush learning environment and appear to be quickly warming to the locals. The boys are a very welcome addition to our numbers and have presented with excellent manners and behaviour.
2) Welcome home to our intrepid and semi-frozen travellers. I believe a fantastic time was had by all, completing the very busy itinerary and having a blast. Thank you to the staff for your efforts on camp, thanks to the parents for your excellent support and thank you to the students, who, I am told, were on their best behaviour. A collection of camp photos will be prepared for distribution to the students who attended camp. The extra bugs and illness can be sent home now. We don’t need them anymore!

Pre-Prep Day
We are hosting a pre-prep morning this coming Monday 5th September. Please let any parents know, who may have children entering the Prep year next year. All welcome, even if not sure about enrolling at Halifax SS in 2017.

Tuckshop
1) Next Monday will be a free day with a sausage sizzle and accompaniments provided
2) As you will see shortly, we are in need of a new Tuckshop Convenor for Term 4 this year and into the future. If you have an interest in this role, please contact me and I will discuss the appointment with the P & C asap.

Kangaroos and Emus Day
I have scheduled this day for the last day of term. It will incorporate some of the athletics activities along with a range of fun games. The tuckshop will be open and will operate as a Red Day. A flyer will be sent home with specific details, in week 9.

Farewell
Sadly, I have accepted the resignation of our cleaner, to take affect from the end of this term. Lou has been a hardworking and faithful servant of this school, who will be sorely missed. I have only known Lou for the past seven weeks and can already see the hole she will leave in the school community. Lou is returning home to spend time with her family as all people should endeavour to do when the time is right. I ask to make the opportunity to join me in thanking her for her work at Halifax SS and wishing her all the best for the future.

Cheers
Michael Blake
Acting Principal Halifax SS
New policies have been implemented in state schools taking effect from last week!

Basically, schools have to contact parents/carers to advise them if their children are not at school. At Halifax SS, if your child is absent when we mark the roll (around 9.30am) we will be sending an SMS message (or calling by phone if you have no mobile) advising that your child is not at school. Parents/carers need to let us know as early as possible if students aren’t going to be at school.

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Recent Events

Vietnam Veterans Day - BATTLE OF LONG TAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

Whilst students were on camp, Rhyan and Skye represented the school at the Vietnam Veterans Ceremony in Halifax.
**P&C News**

**Tuckshop** – No assistant workers are now required. The **Baking Roster** for remainder Term 3 is following.

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**Monday, 5th September**

**Pre-Prep Welcome Day**

*First Lunch will be provided for all students.*

NB: Bring your own second lunch

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**St Patrick’s Parish Ingham Sacramental Program**

In fourth term St Patrick's Parish will be commencing the program for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion for Catholic children in Grade 2. If you would like your child to take part, please phone Marcella at the Parish office 4776 2600 or email re@inghamcatholic.com by Friday, 2nd September, 2016 so that an invitation can be mailed to you to begin the journey towards the Lord's Table. If there is an older child who has not yet received the Sacraments and wishes to do so, please call or email the office as above.