Dear Parents

Small Schools Athletics

Congratulations to all of our students on their behaviour and efforts at the athletics last week. In particular, to Sienna, Chloe, John, Ella and Mali-Ann for their selection to attend Barnes Cup next Friday. A program and supervision details will be sent home with them next week.

Canberra Excursion

Only 1 week to go and everyone is getting just a little bit excited – and so they should. This is an amazing opportunity that many will never get to experience again.

I would like to have a parent/staff meeting, for those attending camp, next Wednesday at 8.30am. This should take less than half an hour but is important in terms of sharing the expectations of a school activity.

Professional Learning

The staff have been learning more ways to teach reading (for our younger students) and some more effective ways to be teachers.

Assembly

This is held every Thursday morning at 9am. Parents are invited to attend and watch students sharing their learning from that week and receiving positive behaviour awards.

Cheers

Michael

Michael BLAKE

Acting Principal Halifax SS

0459 825 797
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.

Attached is an updated State School consent form. Please read carefully and complete and return to school to file with your child/ren’s records. Please note where it states personal information, images and work may be used and indicate any limitations you require to be made. If you have any further questions feel free to contact Acting Principal, Michael Blake at the school.

There is a parent/staff meeting for those attending camp next Wednesday at 8.30am. This is compulsory for all to attend as it is important in terms of sharing the expectations of a school activity. It should only take half an hour but if you can’t make it please contact the principal for information.
Recent Events

Small Schools Athletics

Halifax combined with St Peters to form Lower Herbert for the Small Schools Athletics. All students performed to the best of their ability and displayed great team work and sportsmanship resulting in an overall first place in Track and Team Events and a second place in Field Events. Well Done! Congratulations and good luck also to Mali-Ann, John, Sienna, Chloe and Ella who were selected to participate at the Barnes Cup.
P & C Meeting— The next General Meeting is Thursday, 25th August, 2.00pm in A Block. All are welcome

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

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There will be no tuckshop on 15/8 due to Canberra Camp.
**Where You Can Play Touch**

**Herbert River Touch Association**

**Touch Football Junior Competition**

Monday Afternoon from 4pm @ Crushers Rugby League Grounds

Ages 9 – 14 years Boys and Girls

Mixed Competition U10, U12, U14

Players will be placed into teams and allocated a shirt colour

**Sign On** – **Monday, 22nd August, 3.30pm – 5pm at Crushers Rugby League Grounds**

2nd **Sign on** – **Monday, 29th August, 3.30pm – 5pm at Crushers Rugby League Grounds**

**Competition Games** – 5th September to Late November

**Finals and Presentations** – 28th November

$30 per player

$2 fee per player per game

Representative Team opportunities available

Any queries Ph 0458603478 – Trisha

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**Are you interested in playing Club Representative Touch Football?**

Every year the North Queensland Touch Association conducts an **NQ Junior Touch Championship** in Townsville for rep teams from Sarina to Cairns and club based Townsville teams to participate in. Over one hundred teams participate in this.

This year it is on **Saturday 1st October, Sunday 2nd October and Monday 3rd October (new Queens Birthday holiday)**. This is the last weekend of the school holidays.

**Herbert River Touch Association would like to send teams to this – Boys 10,12,14,16 and Girls 10,12,14,16**

Trials commence **Monday, 15th August at Crushers Rugby League Grounds at 5pm**. The cost will be approximately $20 per player plus your own travel and/or accommodation.