



Newsletter

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Important dates

7th December – Movies (P-6)

- EOY Celebration

8th December – Final day of school

18th January – First day of school for staff

22nd January – First day of School for students

Our School Rules

- **Courtesy**
- **Cooperation**
- **Commitment**
- **Consideration**

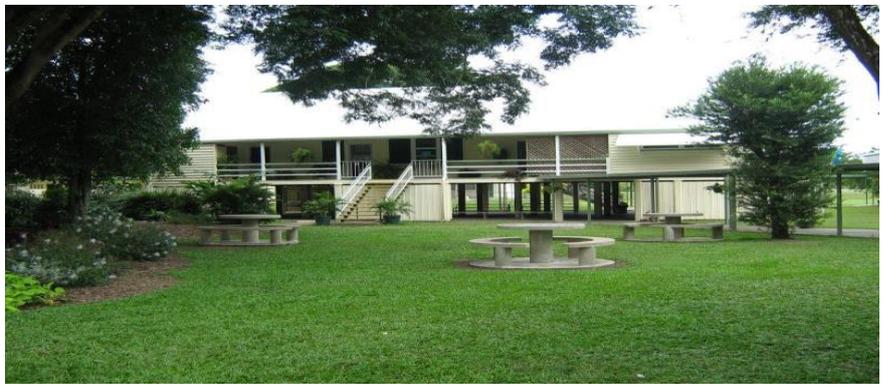
THIS WEEKS FOCUS

YCDI – Persistence

SCHOOL RULE: Commitment

Absent Letters and phone calls

Please call the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent for the day.



From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents and Community Members

It seems as though this school year has just begun and yet, once again, we find ourselves at the end. How quickly time flies!

Thank you for supporting your child's education by being involved. Working together makes a big difference in the success of your child. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, volunteers and parents for their many contributions this year. The support, encouragement and efforts of all individuals have provided the students with excellent learning opportunities and the students have met the challenges. Students have excelled in many areas, both within the school and beyond, and we are very proud of them.

Our School P & C has worked diligently all year to support our school goals and to ensure the success of school events. They have been successful in raising funds to support our school, as well as raising spirits and ensuring a strong school community. Thank you for always keeping the students at the heart of your decisions!

We have a lot to celebrate at our school. In 2017 our achievements were;

- Our levels of achievement continue to improve. We now have more students achieving A and B's than ever before
- Students have scored in the top two bands in NAPLAN tests.
- Attendance rates are at 97%
- We have begun typing lessons in readiness for NAPLAN online.

I wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas. See you in 2017.

Regards,

Donald Pritchard

Principal Halifax SS

READING

Help your child become a better

READER

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What is the problem in the story and how was it solved?
 - Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
 - What do you predict will happen next in the story?
 - Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
 - Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
 - Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
 - Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
 - Do you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts of the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

This week's Behavioural Article

Tips for good behaviour

1. Be a role model

Use your own behaviour to guide your child. Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave – and what you do is often much more important than what you say. For example, if you want your child to say 'please', say it yourself. If you don't want your child to raise her voice, speak quietly and gently yourself.

2. Show your child how you feel

Telling your child honestly how his behaviour affects you helps him see his own feelings in yours. And if you start sentences with 'I', it gives your child the chance to see things from your perspective. For example, 'I'm getting upset because there is so much noise that I can't talk on the phone'.

3. Catch your child being 'good'

When your child is behaving in a way you like, give her some positive feedback. For example, 'Wow, you're playing so nicely. I really like the way you're keeping all the blocks on the table'. This works better than waiting for the blocks to come crashing to the floor before you take notice and say, 'Hey, stop that'.

4. Get down to your child's level

When you get close to your child, you can tune in to what he might be feeling or thinking. Being close also helps him focus on what you're saying about his behaviour. If you're close to your child and have his attention, you don't need to make him look at you.

5. Listen actively

To listen actively, you can nod as your child talks, and repeat back what you think your child is feeling. For example, 'It sounds like you feel really sad that your blocks fell down'. When you do this, it can help young children cope with

tension and big emotions like frustration, which sometimes lead to unwanted behaviour. It also makes them feel respected and comforted. It can even diffuse potential [temper tantrums](#).

6. Keep promises

When you follow through on your promises, good or bad, your child learns to trust and respect you. She learns that you won't let her down when you've promised something nice, and she also learns not to try to change your mind when you've explained a consequence. So when you promise to go for a walk after your child picks up her toys, make sure you have your walking shoes handy. When you say you'll leave the library if your child doesn't stop running around, be prepared to leave straight away.

7. Create an environment for good behaviour

The environment around your child can influence his behaviour, so you can shape the environment to help your child behave well. This can be as simple as making sure your child's space has plenty of safe, stimulating things for him to play with. Make sure that your child can't reach things he could break or that might hurt him. Your glasses look like so much fun to play with – it's hard for children to remember not to touch. Reduce the chance of problems by keeping breakables and valuables out of sight.

Recent Events

Remembrance Day



End of Year Breakup

Thursday 7/12/17

Formal Proceedings: 5.30pm for 6pm start in B Block (P-2 room)

Followed by informal Nibbles and Drinks (BYO) — Tuckshop area

Students of the Week 7

Congratulations to

**Jack
Bridie**

Student of the Week 8

Congratulations to

**Chloe
Sienna T**

Student of the Week 9

Congratulations to

**Sienna G
Ella**

GOTCHA WINNERS

Congratulations to

**Skye
Sienna T
Matthew**