From The Principals Desk

Dear Parents

Museum Visit
Great News! It looks like all students will be attending this excellent learning opportunity. Bus leaving Halifax SS at 7.45am, Picking up in Ingham (opposite Ex IGA, Cartwright St) at 7:55am. Ms Spina, Mrs Patane and Ms Steven will be on the bus and I will meet them all at the Museum. Swimming gear is optional and students have been told this may not happen if we are held up at the museum. If we don’t go to the water Park we will find a playground where they can run around and have lunch before coming back to Halifax.

Drop off Ingham kids at same place at around 2.30pm (Mrs Patane will ring from Rollingstone). Back at school around 3pm. Students have placed orders for food for lunch, they just need to bring a morning snack. Drink bottles are NOT allowed in the museum. We will collect their hats so we have them all.

Attendance
Our attendance has been excellent for this year, please help us maintain our great figures. A reminder, please use the absence phone 0472 863 366 to let us know if your child/ren will not be at school on any day. If we don’t hear from you we are now required to send you a message to let you know that your child is not at school. This message will be sent by 10am.

Tuckshop
Thanks to our new helper/s that spent time here on Monday.

How it Works: Tuckshop only opens on Mondays. It is staffed by volunteers. It raises some money for the P & C. Zip-lock bags are sent home with order forms for your child/ren; fill out the form and put money in the bag, change will be returned in the bag with the new order form. Tuckshop orders are placed in the Order Box (tuckshop counter) on Monday morning when students arrive at school.

GOTCHA’s
Congratulations to Ella and LJ on being drawn out in week 1. Our winner for week 2 was 2nd day student Toniah and Week 3 was Sienna T. Well done to all students for their excellent behaviour to date.

Staffing
We are still waiting for confirmation on our staffing arrangements for the year after submitting our numbers on Day 8. While this can be a frustrating wait, the 2 or 3 people working on it at district office have a huge job to do and will get to us as soon as they can.

Cheers, Michael Blake
Acting Principal Halifax SS
Students of the Week

Congratulations to

P-2 – Kevin, Jack and Chace
3-6 - Mali-Ann and Anneka

Students of the Week 1

Recent Events

Welcome
We would like to welcome a new family to the school. We have twins Toniah and Tionnah in Year 2.

Students of the Week 2

Congratulations to

P-2 – Toniah and Tionnah
3-6 - Bridie

Students of the Week 3

Congratulations to

P-2 – Sienna T
3-6 - Kimberley

P-2 Classroom
A REMINDER the Voluntary Contribution of $40 for the students’ stationery and books is due. This can be placed in the envelope attached and forwarded to school. A receipt will be forwarded home upon payment.

Welcome to 2017 @ Your Library

It has been enjoyable borrowing books with your children once more. I hope you have as much pleasure as I do, reading with or to them. All Year 1 & 2 students have been given a Library Book Bag this year. Please use it to regularly help your children care for our library books. Library books for all students need to be returned to school on a Tuesday, to be re-borrowed or returned. Please, always send the books back in the library bag provided.

Students in the senior room are expected to care for the books they borrow as well. If a library book becomes damp or wet, perhaps because it was stored next to a cold lunch box, mould will grow quickly on the wet pages, and usually the book has to be destroyed. Providing a plastic or cloth bag would solve this costly exercise.

Parents are welcome to borrow books too, so come in before school on Tuesday and I’ll happily explain how you can easily do this.

Yours in reading

Di Shineberg, Teacher Librarian
Hello Everyone,
Welcome to 2017.

So its that time of year where we need to start looking at fundraising ideas, some new ideas would be fantastic and greatly appreciated. All of the $$$ raised goes back into ensuring your child has a fantastic year at Halifax State School and at some point in the year a very memorable School Camp, like our Canberra Trip in 2016.

We have however already started with our fundraising in the way of tuckshop and also the Friday night Raffles at the Halifax Hotel.

There has been some great response from families willing to help with their time, but to make it fair on everyone we have made up a rough roster for all families firstly for baking for the tuckshop every Monday.

You will notice on the tuckshop form there is a "Muffin" area, where the kids get a sweet snack for a minimal cost. Over the past years we have had families bake cakes, muffins, cup cakes, biscuits, slices, pikelets, whatever and would love for everyone to get involved with this again.

This is a small donation from each family to help fundraise and keep costs of all other tuckshop items to a minimal.

We usually need around 24 cakes. Or one big cake that can feed 24.
You can buy cupcakes from Woolworths if you can't bake, anything really, just get involved.!!
And bring it along on Monday morning.....

So attached is a baking roster for the first term and we will see how we will go.
If you have a Monday off and want to volunteer in the tuckshop, the more the merrier.

Also each Friday night we run raffles and a Jackpot Joker draw at the Halifax Hotel. We need at least one parent, grandparent or relative on a Friday night to help sell and scrunch raffle tickets. This is usually between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. Kids are welcome, and kids eat FREE at the Hotel on a Friday night.!!
Again a roster will be drawn up for the first semester, if you can't make it please just give one of us a yell, text or whatever to let us know so we can organise someone.

Thank you for your time, and lets make this year memorable...

Halifax State School P&C Committee....
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**Always a Monday**

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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This will get us through the term and start term 2.....

*children are great imitators. so give them something great to imitate.*

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FRIDAY NIGHTS 5.30pm to 7.00pm

10th February  CLARK
17th February  SQUIRES
24th February  HITCHCOCK
3rd March      TAPPENDEN
10 March       PURCELL
17 March       GARRIGON
24 March       EVELEIGH
31st March     PEEBLES

RAFFLES CONTINUE IN THE HOLIDAYS..................

7 April        THOMPSON
14 April       NO RAFFLES – Good Friday CLOSED