

Happy Valley State School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER



May

** 22nd District Cross Country Carnival (Ages 10-12)

June

3rd Interschool Netball / Rugby League Carnivals

8th Queen's Birthday Holiday

9th P&C General Meeting – 6:00pm Meeting Room

12th Interschool Netball / Rugby League Carnivals

16th Athletics Track Event – 800m Finals (Ages 10-12)

17th Junior Athletics Sports Day (Ages 5-9)

18th Senior Athletics Sports Day (Ages 10-12)

19th Mount Isa Show Public Holiday

26th Last Day of Term 2

** *Date corrected*

Principal's Comment

Hello and welcome to our Week 4 Newsletter. I would be lying if I said that the last two weeks have not been some of the longest and hardest of my career. Barkly Highway lost an amazing teacher in a tragic accident and many of our staff have been directly affected as they knew Che. Today there is a memorial service for Che being held at Barkly. You should've received a note yesterday explaining what will happen at Happy Valley to allow our staff to attend this memorial. I would once again like to thank the people of our awesome community for the empathy you have shown at the loss of one of our colleagues. It is a credit to Mount Isa and the Happy Valley community that I proudly say I am a part of. If anyone would like to speak with someone about this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact us. The well-being of everyone is a concern for us all.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students have tackled the 2015 NAPLAN tests this week. Please remember that this is a point in time test that gives us an idea of how our students are going in relation to students throughout Australia who are of the same age. I am proud to say that all of our children acquitted themselves to the best of their ability. I would also like to thank all of the teaching and teacher aide staff for their efforts.

DISTRICT SPORT

We are very privileged this weekend to have 4 of our students representing Mount Isa in the North West Region Soccer trials. On Sunday, Braith and Tennay Major, Nate Dyer and Cambel Hartley will be vying for positions in the North West team to travel to Brisbane in July. We wish them all the best.



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NEW SOUND AND AV SYSTEM IN HALL

Lots of amazing things are happening in our school. Last weekend Macrosphere installed our new sound and AV system into the Hall. This will make presentations easier, discos bigger and better and will make it possible to hold information nights and movie nights with the added touch of excellence.

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS

This year, we are taking part in the Australian Early Development Census, which monitors the progress of children in their first full year of schooling. This data is anonymous and is used by early childhood educators, health services, local councils, community groups as well as schools and governments for forward planning. Our Prep teachers will be collecting this data across May – July. For any further information, you may access the AEDC website www.aedc.gov.au. If any parents wish to have their children excluded from the AEDC, please contact me at the Office.

WINNER'S OF MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thanks goes to our lovely Tuckshop ladies for organising and coordinating our Mother's Day raffle for this year. All proceeds will be donated to our P&C. Congratulations to the below winners:

1 st Prize	William C (Prep B)
2 nd Prize	Davida S (5 White)
3 rd Prize	Kadea O (3/4 Silver)

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

At the March P&C Meeting, it was ratified that Voluntary Contributions will remain the same as 2014, being \$80 for a Prep student and \$30 for students in Year 1-6. Payment can be made at the school office.

DISPLAY BOARD IN OFFICE

Year 6 White is the current focus of our display board in the Office, with 2 Blue being on display in weeks 5 and 6. What amazing work I see every time I walk through the Office foyer.

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12. This year, Happy Valley SS students from Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the English and Mathematics assessments. Each student from Year 2-6 should have brought home a permission letter with this newsletter. If you would like your child to participate, please return the permission form with the correct payment to the school office by FRIDAY 29 MAY.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP – LAKE TINAROO



This year we are beginning a new tradition at Happy Valley SS of having a Year 5 camp designed to develop teamwork skills and foster leadership opportunities. To ensure that the current Year 6 students have an opportunity to attend a primary school camp, they will be included this year. **From 2016, Happy Valley SS camp will be for Year 5s only** – this is the last chance for Year 6 students to attend a primary school camp. As I explained to students, this means that the Happy Valley SS 2015 Year 5/6 Camp is a **ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!** 70 students have already made sure they have their places secured – that means we have room for 20 more students.

Fast Facts about camp:

- Cost to parents will be less than \$800 per student – final cost to be advised as soon as numbers are finalised.
- Final payment is due by 26th June – payment plans can be arranged at the office.
- We will be travelling via bus - leaving from Happy Valley SS at 2:30 pm on Sunday 6 September 2015 and returning to Happy Valley SS by 12 noon on Saturday 12 September 2015.
- Apex Camp Lake Tinaroo is situated on the beautiful Atherton Tablelands in Far North Queensland.
- Comfortable onsite dormitory style accommodation with separate supervisor's rooms.
- Full service on site catering – special diets catered for.
- Great range of day and night activities including: team challenges and games, raft building, canoeing, low ropes, supervised camp fire and movie night with popcorn and choc top ice-cream.
- Sequential program to build on core personal development outcomes – leadership, team building, personal responsibility, self-reliance and communication.

It is very important that we finalise camp numbers as soon as possible so that we can calculate final costs and confirm bookings.

To ensure that we have the maximum number of students in attendance possible, we are extending the due to date for the permission form until FRIDAY 22 MAY. If you need a new form, or you have any questions, please contact the office.



WEEK 2 & 3 - TERM 2 AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Benny A Kikitara C	3 Blue	CJ K Clay P
Prep W	Michael B Aleigha F	3 White	Braith C Isabelle W
Prep G	Coby L Acacia K Lishe G Giuseppe T	3/4 G	Trinity E
1 Blue	Shayla D	4 Blue	Molly D Jarrod M
1 White	Travis L Max B	5 Blue	Julian R Cruz C
1 Gold	Micay H	5 White	James B Connor B
2 Blue	Aidan H	5/6 G	Max S Leila K
2 White	Malachi W Isla N	6 Blue	Xander K Jade B
2 Silver	Isaac G	6 White	Jasmin Mc Ella B Metee K

MUSIC AWARDS

Amelia W	Level 1.2 Flute	Katie Mc	Level 1.1 Bass Guitar
Nathaniel M	Level 1.3 Bass Guitar	Liam M	Level 1.1 Bass Guitar
Silvia M	Level 1.3 Flute	Nathan H	Level 1.1 Percussion
Zachary D	Level 1.1 Percussion	Isaac R	Level 1.1 Percussion



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays: 8.30am – 9:00am

Fridays: 8.30am – 9.00am

Orders can also be placed at the Tuckshop between
8.00am – 1.30pm (Mon/Wed/Thurs)
for collection at a later date.

Larger sizes available (up to XXL)

EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE IN UNIFORM SHOP

ANYONE WITH SECOND HAND UNIFORMS AT HOME IS ENCOURAGED TO DONATE
THEM TO THE SCHOOL. DROP THEM INTO THE FRONT OFFICE.

Family Portraits

P & C Fundraiser

Great value!

\$15.00 for a 10" x 13" family portrait in a
wooden frame

(all money raised goes towards P & C)

May 30 & 31

June 6 & 7

Scout Hall, Clarke Street

Payment to be made at the office



Free CLINICS

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ALEC INCH OVAL Wednesday's 3.30—4.30

» There are modified rules for safety with touch, and tag options. The program uses small sided games played on a smaller field, less player numbers and using a modified ball with modified rules to encourage greater participation for all players.

» The BYL Cerebra program is a non-competitive form of the game with mixed teams each week, where no formal scores are recorded, there are no competition points and no final series.

» The program is a shorter 3 week program that is conducted on Wednesday's at Alec Inch Oval. Session one starts on Wednesday 20th May and concludes on Wednesday 3rd June. All primary school students are welcome to attend. Registrations will be on Wednesday 20th May at 3.00pm. Or call to register prior to attending.

Laurie Taylor
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Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

On Thursday 28th May your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program "The Ditto Show". Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children's safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to "abuse-proof" our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5's). Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 300,000 children.

'Ditto', the Bravehearts' mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include "Private Parts" and "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust". These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centres has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don't just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms). The main aim of the program is to enhance children's emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of "Yes" & "No" Feelings, The Body's Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

The cost of the performance is free, however a gold coin donation will ensure the continuation and expansion of the program throughout Australia.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your school/centre. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 07 5552 3000. For information on attending our Parent/Teacher Information Session, please contact your school for availability & times.

PARENTS WELCOME!

Kind regards,

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Newsletter Article 2 – How Can I Help My Child to Read?

From the Guidance Officer – Charmaine Gubbins, at Happy Valley School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and every second Thursday.

I wanted to share an article written by Angela Hudson, a teacher of many years and a mother of young primary school children. Angela wrote the article for the website Brisbane Kids and the full article can be found at <http://www.brisbanekids.com.au/can-help-child-read/> . Angela kindly gave permission for me to share information from and about her article in our newsletter.

The article is called - **How Can I Help My Child to Read?** It discusses why literacy is important and gives ideas on how to support readers and how to encourage early readers.

Some of the Tips for supporting pre-readers outlined in the article are:

- Read, read, READ. Read to your children, with your children and, as they grow older and more capable, listen to them reading. If you read a book to your child every single day up to the age of 10 they would have had over 3000 books read to them!
- Show that reading, writing and speaking have purpose. For example, show your children that you are looking at the words in the recipe book because they give you information that helps you cook their birthday cake.
- Point at signs and discuss them as you are driving.
- Look at labels in the supermarket, point and tell your child what they are.
- Narrate your activities around the home.
- Involve your children in card writing. Get them to sign their names even when they can't write.
- Talk! Even when your children are babies, they are cuing in on your body language and connecting your spoken words to your actions

Some Tips for Parents to encourage Early Readers outlined in the article are:

- Encourage kids to read by having books all around the house - in bookshelves, on coffee tables, between the carseats, in the toybox. The more books you have laying around, the more 'normal' it seems to pick up a book.
- Choose books and reading material that will excite your children. Head to the Lifeline Book Sale and stock up for very little cost. Let children choose a book for their birthday and/or Christmas. Children could choose books in Mt Isa from the new or second hand book section of the bookshop, markets, fete's, school book fair and bookclub (sometimes has a feature book at low cost), Kmart, Dollars and Cents.
- Join your local library- encourage a love of books. The Mt Isa library is free to join and has a large selection of children's books and also audio books.

You could also encourage children to read by letting them see you read. If you are seen as a reader yourself, whether it be magazines, the paper, novels – then your children may be more eager to read as well.

An important point made in the article is that exposure to texts and talking about what is going on around you helps contribute to nurturing a love of reading by making it part of the everyday activities in the home. The article suggests looking at the [Children's Council of Australia Website](#) or [best kids books list](#) as a starting point to help choose quality reading books for your child.

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

Student's Name: _____

Date/s of absence: _____

Reason for Absence: Holiday

Illness/injury Medical Appointment

Family Reasons Sport/Music Event

Other _____

Parent Signature: _____

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Parent Signature: _____

Student Absent Number: 4745 0366 or Email: admin@happvallss.eq.edu.au

Please advise the office every time your child is absent from school.