Principal’s Comment
As our students and teachers wind down for Term 3, I would like to express my pride and joy at the way our school is spoken about in public. The high expectations that we have of ourselves and our students drive us to be the best performing school in Mount Isa. I would like to pay tribute to all of the excellent teachers, teacher aides, support staff and students for everything they do that makes us such a valuable learning centre.

As we approach holidays, I would like to wish everyone in our community a safe and relaxing break. I thank you in advance for keeping an extra eye on our school.

QUADRENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW (QSR)
This year we are required to perform a Quadrennial School Review. In this process, school staff, students, parents and community members formulate a plan for the improvement and growth of our school across the next four years. If you are an interested parent or community member, please contact me on 4745 0333.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PREP 2017
If you know of anyone who wants to send their children to Happy Valley, please encourage them to fill out paperwork at the Office and we will update them as enrolment time comes closer.

Our Prep Open night is being held on Tuesday 18 October in the Hall. I would like to invite all prospective Happy Valley parents to attend and book in for the Open mornings and meet some of our amazing staff.

Dates to Remember

September
16th P&C Fun Run (THRASS Chart Theme)
16th Last day Term 3

October
3rd Public Holiday
4th First day of Term 4
5th Rock Pop Rehearsal 2:30 – 4:30
6th Rock Pop Rehearsal 2:30 – 4:30
10th Rock Pop Rehearsal 2:30 – 4:30
12th Rock Pop Rehearsal 2:30 – 4:30
14th Rock Pop Mime Performance
18th Prep Information Night 6:30pm
18th Good Shepherd Year 6 Open Day

November
1st Prep Open Day
2nd Prep Open Day
5th Instrumental Gala Concert
14th Prep Enrolment Interviews
16th Prep Enrolment Interviews

Office Display Week 1 & 2
Year 5 Camp

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Our Meeting will be held on Monday night, 10 October. The meeting will be at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room. We look forward to having as many voices as possible attend.
**FUN RUN**  
This Friday is our annual Fun Run. The theme for this year is dress up as part of the THRASS chart. Children have a wonderful knowledge of the chart so they will be able to help you. This is a Gold Coin donation day for P&C.

**PREP TUCKSHOP TERM 4**  
At the P&C on Monday it was ratified that Prep will be able to access Tuckshop for lunch in Term 4. Please follow the same process as the rest of the school, name, class and order on a bag with money enclosed. The only thing Prep students are unable to purchase are slushies.

**LOST PROPERTY**  
As always at this time of year we have huge amounts of lost property gathering in our school. If your child or children have lost anything, please have a look in the wet area or outside of each module. It would make things so much easier to find or return if names were on everything. Your diligence with this is appreciated.

**ROCK POP MIME**  
The Rock Pop Mime group performed their finale on Parade last week, and it was awesome. I can’t wait for the actual show and to see not just our talented students, but all of the regions’ best perform. Rock Pop Mime is being held on Friday night, 14 October at Tony White Oval. We look forward to seeing the smiles on everyone’s faces when we perform.

**SOCIAL SKILLS AND SCHOOL RULES**  
Week 10 – Revision of all Term 3 Social Skills  
- Play fights end in real fights  
- Give me Gold  
- Don’t gossip, stop it!  
- There’s a lot at stake with the choices we make  
- It’s not over until it’s over  
- Words of encouragement  
- Learn to take turns  
- You’ll never never know if you don’t have a go  
- Be seen to be clean

**YEAR 5 CAMP**  
A great big thank you to Mrs King, Miss Kennett and Mr Wilson for taking our Year 5 students to Lake Tinaroo. The students had an amazing experience and acquitted themselves well. Also, thank you to Mr Scrimgeour and Mrs Scotney for working with the students who stayed at school. They also had a great time.

**SCHOOL WATCH**  
Over the holidays, our school grounds are out of bounds to the public. There are a number of cleaning, office and ground staff who will be working for some of the time. Also, some teachers will be planning for Term 4. If you see suspicious activity at the school, please stay safe and do not approach anyone. If you need to, contact School Watch on 131 788 or Mount Isa Police on 4744 1140.

**FIRST HVSS SAFE-ST MEETING**  
This was held yesterday and representatives from Robbie Katter’s Office, Mount Isa City Council, Queensland Police, St Joseph’s, Transport and Main Roads and Happy Valley met to discuss the possibility of somehow alleviating the traffic issues on 23rd Avenue. In the near future there will be a survey that needs to be run to collect opinions and ideas about what we may be able to do. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mrs King in the Office. She is the Chair of this committee.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**  
I would like to thank the parents who have already paid the Voluntary Contribution for 2016. The cost of $30 per student, covers other costs such as ingredients for cooking, special art requirements and other incidentals. This can be paid at any time to Belinda or Sam at the office, and will be receipted.

**OLD UNIFORMS**  
If anyone has any used school uniforms lying around at home, could you please consider donating them to the school to use as emergencies and spares. We had a large stock of used clean uniforms but this has dwindled considerably recently. All you need to do is drop them at the Office or hand to Mrs Eussen at the Uniform Shop on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 until 9:00.

**PLAYGROUND USE BEFORE SCHOOL**  
For those families new to our school and for others that may need a reminder, we do not encourage children to be at school before 8am. Students are then expected to follow the ‘Sit on it’ social skill outside their classrooms. This includes Prep students playing on the playgrounds. There are no teachers rostered on duties at these times and children are not permitted on any play equipment, even if you are supervising them. Please help us with these safety issues.

Norm McNamara  
Principal
Students of the week

Prep White
Sophia T
Kaidyn D
Evan R
Bronson L

1 White
Luka E

Prep Blue
Jaquilyn W
Eli M

1 Gold
Elijah M
Lily J

2 White
Joshua W

1 Blue
Eddie C

2 Gold
Shayla D
Nate B

3 Blue
Ella M
Hollie P

4 Gold
Mayce Y
Desanya K

3 Gold
Erica S
Brodhi G

4 Blue
Josie G
Bonnie B
Rachel B

6 Blue
Nathaniel M

4 White
Tom O
Jazmin P

Music Awards

Tia P
Willow S
Brooke C
Xanthe S
Sienna M
Shannon R
Hollie P
Jorja A
Georgia N
Luca B
Daisy S
Hayley C
Renisha A
Eboney H
Zaden M
Erin S
Gypsy B
Asthon M

Social Skills

Words of Encouragement

Looks Like

- Students seeing someone starting to give up or not starting to try
- Moving toward the student

Sounds Like

- A student saying words like “This is too hard. I can’t do this. I don’t feel like doing this”
- Student might say words like “I had trouble with this too and I did ……….”, “C’mon you can do it” “Have a go”

Feels Like

- You thought you couldn’t do it and someone helped you believe in yourself
- You are helping people try their hardest

Attendance Trophy

Congratulations

4 Gold – 100%
5 White – 98%
5 Blue – 98%
4 White – 98%

On having the best attendance in week 8 & 9 Term 3.
Spotlight on Year 2 History

This term the Year 2 students have explored a site of historical significance in the local community, Happy Valley State School! They have described what the site reveals about the past and its importance today. A highlight of this unit has been meeting with Mrs Long who has worked at Happy Valley for more than 25 years. She was able to answer many of the students’ questions and show the students our Memorabilia Room including photographs from our proud history since 1932.

In their assessment task the students had to explain what aspects of the past they can see today, what remains of the past are still important to the local community and what has changed. They drew on this learning to write a historical narrative. Here are 2 great examples of student work:

Isa Mine State School was opened in 1932 and the school was near the mine. Lots of families brought their children to Isa Mine State School while they worked at the mines. They were both getting bigger so the school moved. Their name changed to Happy Valley State School and there was about 800 kids. The buildings and the grounds have changed. I’m a student at H.V.S.S 29 years ago. In the morning we didn’t have to sit on it, we could go talk to our friends or play handball. When the bell rang it told me to go into the classroom. The air-con didn’t work at all and it was so crowded with 36 kids. Outside was fun but my butt was burning when I went down the metal slide, and I also got splinters going on the fort. Happy Valley S.S. is significant today because it has 400 kids. One thing that changed is that we don’t use black boards any more. One thing that’s the same is the black board is still in the classroom (under our learning wall). I know this because I have been learning about the history of H.V.S.S. Max B, 2W

Well done to our Year 2 historians and their teachers, and a special thank you to Mrs Long for sharing her love of Happy Valley’s history with the students.

Reading Success

At Happy Valley reading is a cross-curricula priority (it happens in every Key Learning Area and is a necessary skill in life and learning). For the past three years the North Queensland Region has undertaken a regression analysis study on the reading attainment of students in Prep-3 and used data to predict how students in Year 3 would ‘track’ in NAPLAN National Minimum Standards in Reading. As a result of this study the Regional Reading Targets indicate the following PM Reading Levels as a minimum for students to attain by the end of each of the year levels:

- Prep – PM Level 8
- Year 1 – PM Level 16
- Year 2 – PM Level 20

It is important that we are all on the same page when it comes to Reading. At Happy Valley we believe comprehension is the goal of reading, and all students can learn to read and will progress at different rates. All teachers and support staff are focussed on providing individualised reading instruction to support students on a daily basis. All parents/carers can assist their child by reading to and with children on a nightly basis – grab your favourite story, share a passion for reading and discuss what is being read. By working together we will continue to ensure all students are achieving their best possible results. In Term 3 we saw great reading success with 57% of the school reaching or exceeding the term reading goal for their year level. This is only possible with the continued collective focus of students, staff and parents. Keep up the great work everyone!
**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES**

**Tuesdays:** 8.30am – 9:00am  
**Fridays:** 8.30am – 9.00am

NB Can do orders & payments (credit card) over phone for collection at office.

Orders can also be placed at the Tuckshop between 8.30am – 1.30pm (Mon/Wed/Thurs) for collection at a later date.  
*Larger sizes available (up to XXL)*

**EFTPOS 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.

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**SPORT 4 LIFE**

**LEARN SPORT SKILLS FROM:**  
NBL most valuable player  
Joe Hurst  

WNBL Championship winner  
Sharin Milner

**When:** Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 & Friday 23 September 2016  
**Time:** 9.30am - 11.30am for 7 - 12 year olds (register from 9.00am)  
12.30pm - 2.30pm for 13 - 17 year olds (register from 12.00pm)  
**Where:** Mount Isa Basketball Stadium, Sports Parade

Please bring your parents/guardian consent form  
This program is FREE and lunch is provided  
Suitable for boys and girls of all skill levels

For more information contact:  
Alex @ Whitton (Brisbane Program)  
(02) 8301 8884 or 0415 773 310  
alexander.timber@whitton.qld.edu.au

Sport 4 Life is proudly supported by Glencore Community Program North Queensland

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**THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to Woolworths & Roger Locke & Co for supporting our Rock Pop Mime Performance!

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**PREP 2017**

Expressions of Interest are now being taken for Prep 2017. If you have a child that will be starting Prep in 2017, please register your interest at the office. Please see below for upcoming dates:

- **Prep Information Night**  
  Tuesday 18th October 6:30pm – 7:30pm

- **Prep Open Days**  
  Tuesday 1st November  
  Wednesday 2nd November

- **Enrolment Interviews**  
  Monday 14th November  
  Wednesday 16th November

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**School Watch**

**LOOK**  
**LISTEN**  
**REPORT**

Phone 13 17 88

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**Phone 13 17 88**
Cooking adventures with Prep Blue...
Would you please behave!

Children’s sport has an amazing capacity to bring out the very worst in some parents – here’s some tips for parents on how to behave.

“How do I get my kids to behave?” is a perennial issue for parents.

However, talk to coaches of children’s sports teams and they’ll tell a similar story but with one major difference. They’ll replace ‘kids’ with ‘parents’. I spent some time with a group of football coaches recently and they were swapping stories of parent interference; some that bordered on the bizarre! Like the mum who asked the Under 12 football coach to have two full forwards, to accommodate her son as the position (her son’s preference) was already filled. Huh!

Then there was the story of the dad who would race onto the ground at every break in play to conduct a private coaching session with his son. This may have been acceptable if he would just stick to giving advice to his son. However, this dad liked to share his thoughts with players on the other side as well as the officials on the ground.

But for pure ridiculousness you can’t beat the parent who at the start of the year handed her daughter’s football coach a list of preferred positions, as well as a list of positions that didn’t suit her child. The midfield was in, but defence and attack were out, which somewhat restricted the coach’s options.

There is nothing like kids’ sport to bring out the worst in parents. Whether it’s parent meddling with coaches; abusing the opposition; giving advice to the officials; or simply being super-competitive it seems that it’s parents, not the players, game plans or tactics that keep junior sports coaches awake at night, and potentially away from continuing in their volunteer roles.

If you’re a parent who can relate to any of the above, here’s some advice guaranteed to help:

1. Get a job

Junior sport is run by volunteers so there is no shortage of jobs. My coaching mates tell me that parents who are volunteers rarely behave poorly. Presumably, this is due to the fact that they see the bigger picture. That children play sport for many different reasons including to make friends, be part of a team and have fun. While winning increases in importance the older kids become most participants see well beyond winning as reasons for sports participation. So if you struggle to contain yourself at your child’s sport then it’s simple - volunteer to help. Even offer your services as a coach.

2. Watch someone else’s child

One of the biggest problems with junior sport is that most parents tend to focus on their own children. While their eyes are firmly focused on their child they dissect every move their youngster makes. Sound familiar? If so I suggest you are taking your role as a parent too far. Better to keep it simple. That is, encourage your child’s participation; provide the means for them to participate well; and encourage them to behave well toward participants on both sides. If you struggle with this, then I suggest that you start tracking another child’s form for a game or two – any child, but your own.

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Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.
... Would you please behave! ...

This may help you take your child’s sport less personally and enjoy it for what it is – a healthy endeavour that should be enjoyable for everyone.

3 Say this
If you find yourself offering your child plenty of well-meaning advice before, during and after a game you may actually be turning your child off sport. It’s the coach’s job to coach and mentor, while it’s your role to support your child and, of course, the coach. That’s a great formula for success. Rather than give advice, say “I love to watch you play.” It’s a simple statement of approval that says to your child “I don’t care how well you play, I just love the fact that you are taking part.” That’s it.

3 Play yourself
My coaching mates also tell me that it’s often the parents that have never, or rarely played sport that are the worst in terms of interfering, abusing or overstepping the parenting mark. That makes sense. When you’ve participated in a sport or game you appreciate how hard it is to master and also have a healthy level of respect for the game itself, which carries over to being a spectator. So consider participating in sport yourself so you can gain some perspective.

3 Model right
Kids take many of their cues from their parents, including how they should behave at sports. As a valued role model your behaviour is on show. If you want your child to be a solid citizen then you need to model socially acceptable, even generous behaviours and attitudes when spectating at your child’s sporting events. If you struggle, then do all you can to change.

3 Take a break
Most children love it that their parents are interested in their sports and interests. And they generally enjoy it when you witness many of their firsts (kick, goal, win, backhand, etc.) and other big moments. On the other hand, kids often benefit from a little parental space, so consider taking a raincheck on occasions rather than go to every game. Instead let your child tell you about the game and of course, take a genuine interest in their blow-by-blow match report.

Junior sport is an integral part of an Australian childhood and it’s wonderful that most sporting bodies currently report that children’s participation rates are up. In an era when childhood obesity is a genuine concern as a community we need to do all we can to make sure children are participating in healthy endeavours, including sports. The attitude and behaviour of parents at sport can have a massive impact on children’s immediate enjoyment as well as their long-term participation. If you overhear your child’s coach or worse, your child, saying “How do I get my parents to behave?” then it may be time to rethink your behaviour at your child’s sporting events, particularly if you want to encourage their long-term participation in sport.

Michael Grose
Child Protection Week is in week 9 of this term, September 4th – September 10th. The key message for Child Protection Week is - Protecting Children is Everybody’s Business.

There are many organisations that are involved in Child Protection. Some organisations and contact details are listed below.

**Telephone Support**

Police – phone 000  
Child Protection Crisis Line (24 hours) 131 278  
National Child Abuse Prevention Helpline 1800 99 10 99  
Kids Help Line (24 hour telephone and online counselling for 5 to 18 year olds) Freecall 1800 551 800  
Lifeline (24 hour telephone counselling and referral) 13 11 14  
Parent Line (24 hour helpline) 132 289

**Organisations**

These organisations have resources and materials available to support children and parents.

- Bravehearts www.bravehearts.org.au
- Queensland Child Protection Week website http://childprotectionweek.org.au/ - has advice and resources including:  
  - Queensland Domestic & Family Violence fact sheets:  
- **Domestic and Family Violence Support Services**  
  Domestic violence services provide support, counselling, referral and information to people affected by domestic and family violence. This link will take you to the Increasing Your Safety booklet from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services https://publications.qld.gov.au/storage/f/2014-09-15T01%3A10%3A25.030Z/increasing-your-safety.pdf  
  The booklet discusses many issues (including legal information) around domestic violence and how to make a safety plan for times when you feel unsafe or at risk of getting hurt and need to leave quickly. It has phone details for support in many Queensland towns – I have included the Townsville domestic and family violence support services number and the DV Connect Women’s and Men’s lines.

- Townsville domestic and family violence support (07) 4721 2888  
  DVConnect Womensline 1800 811 811 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)  
  Womensline provides counselling, referral and assistance to access refuge accommodation for women experiencing domestic and family violence.

- DVConnect Mensline 1800 600 636 (9am to midnight, 7 days a week)  
  Mensline provides counselling, information and referral to men affected by domestic and family violence.