**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**November**
- 10th: P&C Meeting – 6.30pm (Meeting Room)
- 11th: Prep 2015 Open Day – 9:00am – 10:00am (appointments only – book at office)
- 19th: Prep 2015 Parent / Teacher Interviews (appointments only – book at office)
- 21st: Prep 2015 Parent / Teacher Interviews (appointments only – book at office)
- 24-28th: Learn to Swim (Preps and Yr 2’s) **EXCLUDING WEDNESDAY 26th**
- 25th: Year 6/7 Celebration
- 26th: Swimming Carnival (Yrs 4 – 7)

**December**
- 2nd: Semester 2 Report Cards sent home
- 3rd: Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 6)
- 4th: Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 6/7)
- 5th: Final Day of school for 2014

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**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT**

Week 5 arrives and just four short weeks are left in the 2014 school year. The last two weeks have been amazingly busy for everyone. Teachers are working towards finalising assessments in order to complete report cards for the end of year. Speaking of teachers, these wonderful, caring, dutiful people celebrated World Teachers Day last Friday. Every teacher at our school cares innately about their students and over the past few weeks have proved to me that their knowledge of their charges is second to none. Thank you again to all Happy Valley teachers, you continue to be super human.

In other news, I would like to inform you that I will be taking the last two weeks of the school year off and travelling back to Brisbane with my family for a wedding. In my absence, Mrs Train will be the Acting Principal and Mrs Glenys Smith will assist her as Acting Deputy. If you have any questions at all, these two ladies will ably answer them for you. My last day at school will be Friday 21 November.

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**P&C RAFFLE**

Due to the number of ticket books still outstanding, the amazing P&C Raffle draw was postponed until this Monday 10 November at our school parade. First Prize is a 5 night holiday at a Rydges Hotel and Resort of your choice in Australia or New Zealand with a $1000 Virgin Australia gift voucher as well. If you have not sold your tickets, please return the books to the Office urgently. If you are unable to
find them, please collect a Statutory Declaration form from the Office and complete as soon as possible.

**LONG SERVING CLEANER LEAVING HVSS**

After 36 years of service to Happy Valley SS and the Department of Education, Training and Employment, it is with much regret that we will farewell one of our valued cleaners, Mrs Margaret Lewis. Mrs Lewis had dedicated much of her career to keeping our school clean and tidy and takes great pride in the work she does. It is with sadness but a deal of good wishes that we thank Marg for her efforts and wish her and her husband well in their retirement. Look out Las Vegas!

**WELCOME**

Next week we welcome a new member to our teaching staff in readiness for next year. Miss Andrea Smith will begin as a Local Relief Teacher for the remainder of 2014 before taking up a permanent teaching position with us. We hope you have a long and distinguished career and enjoy your time in Mount Isa.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Due to the continued high numbers at Happy Valley and considering feedback on the past two Christmas Concerts, we have decided to slightly change the format for 2014. The Concert will be held on Thursday 4 December and has been split into two sessions as follows:

- 8:30-9:30 Preps, Years 1 and 2 performance
- 9:30-10:30 Years 3 - 5 performance
  - Year 6 will be audience only

The Year 6/7 students will perform their graduation song at parade on the Monday 1 December instead of a Christmas performance. Our Year 7 students will not be at school on Concert day due to Tools for Change at Spinifex.

**PREP ENROLMENTS 2015**

On Tuesday this week we held our first Prep Open day for our 2015 students. The children and their parents all had a wonderful time. We look forward to them coming to us full time next year. The next Open day will be held next Tuesday 11 November and this will be followed by Interviews which will be held on 19 and 21 November. Remember, Prep Enrolment Forms must be handed to the Office as soon as possible to guarantee places for 2015.

**PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

Our last meeting for this year will be Monday 10 November at 6:30pm. As usual, the meeting will be held in the Staff Room at 6:30pm.

**MOUNT ISA GALA CONCERT**

Last Saturday evening, almost 200 Happy Valley students took part in the Mount Isa Gala Concert at the Civic Centre. Children showcased their talents in a massed choir as well as in Instrumental groups. They also had the pleasure of being able to listen to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra as the special guest performers. The behaviour and enthusiasm of our students was, as usual, second to none. Well done to Ms Yvonne Moore for all of her organisation and to the Happy Valley staff who took time out to help in supervise both at rehearsals and during the performance.

**TOOLS FOR CHANGE**

As our Year 6 and 7 students move towards High School next year, Spinifex offers all students the opportunity to take part in Tools for Change. This takes the form of two days for each Grade level at Spinifex Junior College in the last week of school. Following is the timetable for these days. If you would like any further information, please contact Spinifex on 4740 1111.

- Tuesday 2 December Year 6
- Wednesday 3 December Year 6 and 7
- Thursday 4 December Year 7

**LEST WE FORGET – LET US REMEMBER**

The Queensland Government believes in the importance of keeping the memory of our Anzacs alive.

Attending Anzac Day ceremonies or participating in a minute silence on Remembrance Day are just some of the things we do to honour the memory of past servicemen and women and recognise the efforts of current serving defence personnel. Many families have a connection – a relative who has served, letters from loved ones at war, photos, medals, personal stories, diaries and memories.

As part of the Queensland Anzac Centenary commemoration program, the Queensland Government would like to hear what you do to remember. Simply go to this address, [http://anzac100.initiatives.qld.gov.au/remember/index.aspx](http://anzac100.initiatives.qld.gov.au/remember/index.aspx) to complete an online survey between 3 to 11 November 2014.

By sharing your story we hope to encourage more people to remember and continue to honour the brave servicemen and women of Australia.

Norm McNamara
Principal
SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
If any families have second hand uniforms that are no longer required we would greatly appreciate them being donated to our school through Lexine at the office. These uniforms come in handy to have as spares in case of accidents. Any size will be considered a great help. Our uniform shop also accepts second hand uniforms to resell onto other HVSS families, therefore any excess we get will be given to the uniform shop.

WEEKS 3 & 4 - TERM 4
AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B  Daniel R        Prep W  Charli P
Damian B                  Beau P

Prep G  Antonia R
Roseanna C                 Grace D

1 B  Khyara T
Brook Mc
Jaidyn F

1 W  Isaac G
Cooper H

1 G  Skye B
Levi T
Aiden G

I S  Josie C
Gladys G
Holly C

2 W  Ethan P
Milla V

2 B  Georgia D
Anaya H

3 B  Ethan C
Trinity E

3 W  Charlotte J
Michelle P

3/4 G  Lianna W
Teatua Rui T

4 W  Jessica R

5 B  Charlie J

5 W  Jodie J
Cooper G

5/6 G  Andraouis H
Lilliana G

6/7 B  Thomas D
Sarah H

6/7 W  Rachel E

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UNIFORM SHOP
Special Opening Times

Tuesday 11th Nov  8:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday 19th Nov  12:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 21st Nov  8:30am – 2:30pm

MUSIC AWARDS

Delta B  Level 1.4
Flute

Will H  Level 2.1
Trumpet

Stanley Mc  Level 1.3
Tenor Sax
Clarinet

Faith F  Level 1.2
Clarinet

Muthu P  Level 1.2
Saxophone

Misha G  Level 1.1
Flute

Jenisha A  Level 1.2
Clarinet

Elisa M  Level 1.1
Trumpet

Nathaniel M  Level 1.2
Bass Guitar

Alyssa L  Level 1.4
Clarinet

Hayley W  Level 1.1
Trumpet

Katie Mc  Level 1.1
Trombone

Ella B  Level 1.1
Flute

Camil R  Level 1.2
Clarinet

Tayla B  Level 1.2
Flute

Teagan P  Level 1.1
Flute

Issabella B  Level 1.2
Saxophone

James B  Level 1.1
Trumpet

Cody B  Level 2.2
Trumpet

Jayda K  Level 1.2
Flute

School Crossing Supervisor
Department of Transport and Main Roads

Casual positions available

Key responsibilities include:
• Assist children to safely cross roads.
• Provide advice to pedestrians on safety rules pertaining to school crossings.
• Carry out duties within the parameters of workplace health and safety requirements.
• Monitor and report serious incidents at school crossings.

Pay: $27.01
How to apply: Contact Road Safety Team Mount Isa
Ph: 132 380

Work hours: Approximately 1.5hrs per day
Newsletter Article 3 – Internet Safety for Children

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

Internet Safety is a vital skill to teach our children and ourselves and as the rate of technology changes so quickly new risks come to light that we may or may not be aware of. There are many sites that have up to date information on how to approach and deal with the different internet risks (cyberbullying, sexting, using social media) that our children and ourselves may face each time we use our computer, ipad, iphone etc.

After googling internet safety for children and reviewing the many sites that came up, there appear to be a core set of recurring safety rules for children when using the internet, ipad, iphone etc. These are:

1. **Research internet safety** and use ideas through a variety of sites to have up to date information regarding how to keep your children and yourself safe on the internet and social media. Some sites are listed below.

2. **Talk with and educate** your children about what types of material they can access on the internet and through social media. Discuss the dangers that come with being online.

3. Use ‘safe search mode’ when using tools such as google and utube. There is quite a bit of information around how to do this in some of the websites listed below. There is also information on how to block sites that you may not want your children to access.

4. Get to know what things your **children are interested in** on the internet and go online together.

5. Be a **good role model** yourself in terms of where and how you use the internet and social media.

6. **Supervise** younger children by being with them online to educate them about safe use of the internet. Supervise older children by being in proximity to where they use computers and social media in order to monitor their mood and reactions when online or finishing up online.

7. Have your **internet** and **social media** used in a **high traffic / public area of the house**, not in bedrooms where children cannot be monitored.

8. Have all **technology** eg. computer, ipad, iphone stored in a **central place at night** (eg. kitchen bench) so that children are not up late using social media when they go to bed at night where you are not able to monitor their mood following use of these devices.

9. **Supervise the amount of time** your child/ren spend on computers, internet, ipads etc. Settle upon an agreed amount of time that they can spend on these devices so that they can still get outside to do activities or interact with family and friends face to face. You can install a filter to limit the amount of time spent on the computer or have a wi-fi password of the day given out when homework and other activities have been done.

10. **Monitor the web usage** of older children by completing a web search of their online history.

Some sites that offer a range of information and details on how to keep safe and how to report concerns are:

- [www.cybersmart.gov.au/](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/) this website has resources for families and schools with guides to online safety, parental controls, cyber issues etc.
- [kidshealth.org>Parents>/School & Family Life](http://kidshealth.org/parents/school-family-life) this link includes ideas about online protection and establishing basic internet use rules.
- [www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_users/protect_your_children](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_users/protect_your_children) this is another excellent site with information and tips for safe internet use for children and with fact sheets and resources for various issues that may be encountered through use of the internet.
- [www.safekids.com/kids-rules-for-online-safety](http://www.safekids.com/kids-rules-for-online-safety) contains ideas for rules around online safety and provides a link to a family contract for online safety.
- [www.google.com.au/safetycentre/families/start/](http://www.google.com.au/safetycentre/families/start/) this website has a good 3 min video of parents at google discussing what they feel is important in regards to internet safety with their children.

There are so many sites with information regarding internet safety, these are a few. Google ‘internet safety for children’ and many more will come up.