DATES TO REMEMBER

November
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
   Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 6)
3rd Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 6/7)
   Prep to Yr 5 Transition
4th Christmas Concert  8.30 – 9.30: Prep – Yr 2
   9.30 - 10.30: Yrs 3 – 5
   Tools for Change at Spinifex (Yr 7)
5th Final Day of school for 2014

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Two weeks to go and no one at Happy Valley is slowing down. It is important that everyone keeps working all the way to the end of the year. Staff and students are all getting tired after an amazing year. A testament to the excellent teaching and learning is showing through with all of our students having made significant gains in their understanding. Reading levels have impressed me. I know that every teacher, teacher aide and student have been striving to reach their goals by the end of the year.

This being my last newsletter of 2014, I would like to take time to thank a number of people. Firstly, to my Deputy Mrs Train, it has been inspiring to work with you this year. You have brought wonderful expertise and vision to our school. To Mrs Smith, Mrs Long, Mrs Gubbins for all of your hard work in the improvement of teaching and learning, as well as well-being of students, I thank you. Miss Shev, Miss Lexine and Miss Sam in the Office, the school would not run as well as it does without your hard work and dedication. Cleaners and ground staff make our school safe, clean and secure, well done. To all of the extraordinary teachers and teacher aides that run themselves into the ground for the betterment of your children, you are all unique and well appreciated. Finally, to the students and their hugely supportive parents, thank you for the effort you have given this year. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2015.

WELCOME

We received news last week that Miss Bethany Ore has been offered a teaching position here at Happy Valley next year. Some of you will know Beth from her time as an intern with Mrs Murphy in 3 White
recently. We welcome Beth to her first permanent appointment.

2015 SCHOOL LEADERS
Yesterday we held our election speeches and voting for our 2015 School Leaders and I am pleased to announce the following students will now represent Happy Valley State School:

School Captains: Tristan Nicholson
Jorja Bell
School Vice Captains: Aidan McCarthy
Breanne Byrne

YEAR 6/7 CELEBRATION
Next Tuesday evening, our Year 6/7 students will attend their end of school celebration at the Irish Club. As I won’t be in attendance, I would like to thank all of our students for being a part of the Happy Valley dynasty. To all of the award winners I send my sincere congratulations. You have been a wonderful cohort of senior students and have done your parents and teachers proud. Well done.

REPORT CARDS
Teachers have been working hard to produce your child’s Semester Two report card. These will be sent home on Tuesday 2 December. Year 6/7 students attending Tools for Change this day will receive their report next Thursday.

CLASS LISTS
Happy Valley class lists for 2015 have been discussed and final drafts are in production. These lists will be up around the school on Tuesday 2 December. Copies of the lists will be placed in each Block as well as outside the Office. Please understand that changes to classes and staff may occur depending on circumstances that arise.

TRANSITION
On Wednesday 3 December, each child will spend an hour with their new teacher for 2015 in their new classroom. I realise that some staff will not be in the school on this day, particularly new teachers to the school, however staff transferring out will assist. This is an opportunity for students to begin the familiarisation process prior to class next year.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Due to the continued high numbers at Happy Valley and considering feedback around 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 below:

8:30-9:30 Preps, 1s and 2s
9:30-10:30 Years 3 - 5 (Year 6 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.

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

** Please note there was an error with the dates in previous correspondence sent home from Spinifex, the above dates are correct as at printing of this newsletter.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Our new and improved school website is up and live. Anyone can now access this site at any time to find out about Happy Valley and everything that is great about our place. The address is www.happvallss.eq.edu.au if you wish to check it out.

Norm McNamara
Principal

HEALTH AND PE NEWS
As you may be aware a new Health and PE curriculum will come online next year aligning Queensland with the national curriculum. This will mean some significant changes to the amount of time your child engages in physical activity during these lessons.

The new curriculum expects a 50/50 split of time shared between physical activity and health lessons. At Happy Valley we are actually well placed to implement these changes as we have always had lessons in class to cover health and social skill components, including the State mandated Daniel Morcombe ‘Keeping Kids Safe’ campaign. However, this new curriculum will mean a reduction in the current mix of PE and health at our school.

We all know the benefits of daily, moderate exercise in our lives and I would like to take this time to encourage all students at Happy Valley to continue this. 20-30 minutes a day of brisk walking or running around outside sets up a routine that will follow our
students well into adulthood and have significant benefits for them throughout their lives.

If you have any further questions about this new change in the curriculum please don’t hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

Yours sincerely
Mr Gason

2014 P&C REPORT
2014 has been a good year for the P & C, having raised a little over $13,000 for our wonderful school.

To show our appreciation to all our wonderful parent helpers for your continued support, we would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to a V.I.P (Very Important Parents) Morning Tea this Monday 24th November, see advert. We look forward to seeing you there.

2015 kicks off with a bang with our 1st meeting being held on Monday 9th February, 6.30pm. Our AGM will then be called in March where all positions will be vacant - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & next year we are introducing a Fundraising Coordinator position. If this sounds like you please come along, we’d love to hear your ideas.

Wishing you all the very best for the holidays,
From the 2014 Committee. Chris, Tracey, Zac & Sam.

WINNERS - P & C HOLIDAY RAFFLE

1st Prize    HOLIDAY
            Sarah McCleave, Mt Isa

2nd Prize    $700 CASH
            Tanya Wuganett

3rd Prize    $300 CASH
            Marissa Sherry, Mt Isa

4th Prize    SIGNED CRICKET BAT
            Roslyn Speers, Mt Isa

5th Prize    IPOD SHUFFLE
            Di Currie & Paul Madden, Mt Isa

Happy Valley State School P & C

Request the pleasure of your company for our

V.I.P
(Very Important Parents)

Thank You
Morning Tea

When: Monday 24th November 2014
Time: 8.45am
(Straight after parade)

Where: Happy Valley State School

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart

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.

UNIFORM ORDERS AT TUCKSHOP
As of Monday 24th November and Term 1 next year, we will be trialling ordering and payment of any school uniforms, outside of normal Uniform Shop opening times, through the Tuckshop instead of the Office. Please note the Tuckshop will keep limited supplies for emergency orders only. The large majority of orders placed outside the normal Uniform Shop opening times will still be collaborated by our lovely Uniform Coordinator, Leah Eussen on her given days for collection either through the Tuckshop or via your child. Payments will still be taken at the Tuckshop for these orders.

The Tuckshop is generally manned from 8.00am – 1.30pm and our Uniform Shop will still maintain its regular opening hours of Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8.30am – 9.00am.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014 AND BEGINNING OF 2015, PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL OPENING TIMES.
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES
2014 / 2015

November
Friday 21st: 8:30am – 2:30pm
Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th
Friday 28th: 8:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th: 2:00pm – 2:45pm

December
Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 4th
Friday 5th: 8:30am – 10:30am
Wednesday 3rd: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

January 2015
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd: 8:30am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th: 8:30am – 10:30am

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Orders can also be placed at the Tuckshop
for collection at a later date.

EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE IN UNIFORM SHOP

PANCAKE DAY
This morning we celebrated the good behaviour of
our Happy Valley students with a Pancake Day. This
was their reward for being consistent in following
school rules and reaching their gotcha keys goal.

WEEKS 5 & 6 - TERM 4
AWARDS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B  Emilie G  2 G  Bridgit F
Paige M  Emma O  Koa B  Amity F
Prep W  Amitoj H  3 B  Patrick M
Ava M  Niah M  Ashton P  Marnie M
Prep G  Chad F  3 W  Richelle B
Olivia P  Max B  3/4 G  Jett G
Althea G  4 B  Jessalia M  Teagan P
1 B  Luke B  4W  Charlotte H
Nikau C  5 B  Myah E
1 W  Hollie P  Bailey C
Bailey Mc  5 W  Cooper N
1 G  Griffen D  5/6 G  Alysia H
Gypsy B  Ashlee R
1 S  Paige W  6/7 B  Shyanne B
Caylee C  6/7 W  Jessica L
Ashley Mc  Alyssa L
Holly O  Dayna Z
2 B  Breearna S  Ronnie R
2 W  Cooper P  Charli N
Emily D  Dylan L

MUSIC AWARDS

Brayden Mc  Level 1.2  Clarinet
Lachlan F  Level 1.2  Clarinet
Faith F  Level 1.3  Clarinet
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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Newsletter Article 4 : Holiday Activity Ideas for Children and Families

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

With the Christmas Holidays fast approaching and children home for a long amount of time, we are often faced with the dilemma of what to do to fill in the days. There are many activities that Children and Families can do that are either free or have a cost. Some of these activities can be done anywhere – at home, away on holidays. Some ideas for the Christmas holidays are:

Free activities

- Go to the fun park, pack some snacks for a picnic, take a bike or scooter to ride.
- Go to the skate park.
- Go to the beach – if holidaying near the beach. Take a ball, a bucket to make sandcastles, have a picnic.
- Play card games or board games. Have a family game afternoon / night.
- Play outside games like cricket, kick a ball, play on the trampoline, ride bikes/ scooters at home.
- Watch one of the many holiday movies or shows that are on both free to air and payTV. Maybe have a movie night with some home made popcorn.
- Go to the library. Borrow a book to read or an audio story to listen to or some DVD’s. Membership to the library is free. The library also run story time and activities in the holidays, so keep an eye out in the local paper for details.
- Read a book or listen to an audio story.
- Let your children use some chairs and an old sheet and make a cubby house inside.
- Go to Carols by Candelight.

Activities with a small cost

- Go to the pool.
- Go for ice cream. If you are in Mt Isa you could have ice cream at the pool or buy an ice cream from McDonalds.
- Make some playdough for the children to play with.
- Give the children some old socks and let them make some puppets and put on a puppet show.
- Go camping, fishing.
- Make Christmas cards.
- Use paint and shapes to print paper to use to wrap Christmas presents. Or decorate some paper with drawings to use as wrapping paper.
- Do some Christmas crafts. Get ideas from TV shows, magazines. Go to stores like Dollars and Cents or KMART and check out Christmas Craft items. These are often inexpensive.
- Make some Christmas decorations – again get ideas from TV, magazines or by googling.
- Buy some Christmas activity books with colouring in or painting activities for the Children to do.
- Do some Christmas cooking together eg. make gingerbread or short bread biscuits using some Christmas cookie cutters and decorate. These can go in the freezer to have on Christmas Day if you like. Some traditional, easy, non cook recipes eg. White Christmas is also another easy thing to make together with your children. You could also google Christmas recipes or look at magazines or TV shows for cooking ideas.

Activities with a greater cost

- Go to the movies.
- Go bowling.
- Go out for lunch / dinner.
- Go to a theme park eg. Dreamworld, Seaworld etc. if you are nearby on holidays.